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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Make
Your plans
To attend the dance
On the streets of Hondo
September 2nd, benefit
Hondo Volunteer Fire Company.
All kinds of fountain drinks at
ROTHE'S CONFECTIONERY. tf.
We know the answers to all your
School needs, WINDROW DRUG
STORE. 3t.
Castroville celebrates her grand
natal day next Sunday—St. Louis
Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beck of San
Antonio visited Mrs. T. J. Sauter
Sunday.

Dr. Jamie Nixon was out from
San Antonio Tuesday on professional
business.

Mrs. Jack Droicourt, Jr., is the
guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
O. H. Miller.

Lost, one 1939 Senior ring, Hondo
High School. Finder return to ELMO
POPE, Hondo, Texas. 1tc.

Miss Dorothy Hedges of San An-
tonio spent the week-end here as the
guest of Miss Nell Foley.

Mr. Henry Flory, prominent stock-
farmer of the Rio Medina section,
was a Hondo visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James O'Connor and
son, James, are now making their
home at the V. H. Blocker, Jr., home-
stead.

Little Miss Anna Louise Wurzbach
is spending some time here with her
grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L.
Haegelin.

Mrs. Frank H. Schweers has leased
her boarding-house to Mrs. Clint
Taylor, who took charge on Monday
of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Windrow were
here Sunday, guests of Mrs. Win-
drow's mother, Mrs. T. J. Sauter, and
other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed de Montel had as
their guests over last week-end their
son, Emmitt de Montel, and family
of Tyler, Texas.

Mrs. Frank H. Schweers left Mon-
day for a visit with her sons, Milton
and Roy Schweers, and their families
at Houston, Texas.

From Sept. 1st, thru 10th, we will
give a cup of ice cream with each
purchase of school supplies amount-
ing to 25¢ or more at FLY DRUG
CO. 2t.

P. C. Jagge left Wednesday for
Dallas where his son, Clinton, is at-
tending S. M. U. Law School. Clint
is expected to return home with his
father to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jungman and
two sons, Young Frank and Robert
Peter, of Houston spent the week-
end here as guests of Mr. Jungman's
mother, Mrs. Sophie Jungman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Eggen arrived
Wednesday on a brief visit to Mrs.
Eggen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John
A. Horger. After their visit they will
return to Waller, Texas, where Mr.
Eggen will again teach during the
coming term.

Milton J. Batot has our thanks for
a copy of a Farm Security Adminis-
tration booklet, entitled "I Was a
Share Cropper". It is filled with
pictures showing how some farmers
have succeeded by aid of F. S. A.
loans.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Britsch and
Mr. and Mrs. Gus Britsch and their
families and Mr. and Mrs. Roland
Britsch all of Bandera, and Mr. and
Mrs. Louis Tampke and Mr. and Mrs.
Oscar Tampke, all of Utopia, attend-
ed the 25th wedding anniversary of
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saathoff Sun-
day.

Mrs. Regina Schmidt and daugh-
ters, Misses Lenora and Bettie, and
grandson, Charles Schmidt, of Hon-
do, and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Schmidt of
Bry spent Sunday at Garner's Park.
The Hondo-Bry party was met there
by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tittsworth and
two children of Sabinal and a memora-
ble outing and reunion was had in
the famous pleasure resort.

Miss Mae Routt and Miss Margaret
Laughinghouse returned last Friday
from a protracted visit to various
points in Texas. Miss Routt left
several weeks ago for Bay City where
she spent quite a while with relatives.
She was joined at Houston on July
2nd by Miss Margaret and together
they visited relatives in various other
places, including a brother and uncle,
respectively, Russell Routt, at Meri-
dian, and an aged uncle in San An-
tonio. Miss Routt reports a most en-
joyable time while on her visit.

Mr. Wm. Neyland of the Corpus
Christi Chamber of Commerce was
here for a while Saturday in the in-
terest of Highway 173. Corpus
Christi is very much interested in this
Highway, as its building would open
up direct communication to that
deep-water port for a large area of
productive country that is now
handicapped by a circuitous, time-
killing means of access. Mr. Neyland
would urge upon the people of Hondo
to maintain a persistent appeal for
the early construction of this im-
portant link in Texas' admirable sys-
tem of State Highways.

PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON FORMATION OF FRESH WA- TER-SEWER DISTRICT.

Frank X. Vance, County Attorney,
was in Austin a few days ago con-
fering with members of the State
Board of Water Engineers with
reference to the formation of a Fresh
Water District for water and sewer
improvements in Hondo.

Mr. Vance obtained the informa-
tion necessary for the preparation of
the Project, preliminary to filing the
application for the establishment of
the District. He stated that he ex-
pects to have everything ready with-
in a short time to lay the matter be-
fore the Special Committee of the
Chamber of Commerce, which was
appointed to investigate the water
and sewer situation in Hondo, and to
determine the best method to pursue
to obtain a reduction in the insurance
Key Rate of the town. At the pres-
ent time, Hondo has a high rate of
85, which, with a proper water sup-
ply, could be reduced materially, ef-
fecting a saving of between \$3,000
and \$4,000 annually for our citizens.

Albert C. Moore, Consulting En-
gineer of San Antonio, has been
cooperating with Mr. Vance in the
preliminary details of establishing
the District. He is checking the plans
to accompany the Application, and
is also preparing the Preliminary
Report on the project.

COMMISSIONERS ORDER HEARING.

At a session of the Commissioners
Court, held August 19, 1939, with
Judge Arthur H. Rothe, Commis-
sioners Alfred A. Bader, Robert
Rihn and Ben Koch and County
Clerk S. A. Jungman in attendance,
there was presented a petition by J.
F. Schott, and 58 others for an order
of an election to determine whether
or not bonds to the amount of \$40,-
000 shall be issued by precinct No.
2, for the purchase of right of way
for changes in Highway 90, includ-
ing site for new bridge in Castroville,
and to improve certain lateral roads
in said district.

After receiving the petition the
court set it for hearing before the
Commissioners' Court of Medina
County, at the Courthouse of Said
County in Hondo at 10 A. M. on the
5th day of September, 1939.

It was further ordered that the
Clerk issue a notice of such time and
place of hearing and of the right of
interested persons to appear at such
hearing and contend for or protest
the order of said bond election.

The court met again at 2 P. M. on
August 22nd for the public hearing
on the County Budget for the year
1940. The Commissioners examined
the budget as presented to the court
by the County Judge and voted to ac-
cept the same in full. There were no
protests entered or changes offered
and the court voted unanimously to
adopt same without alteration.

There being no further business
court recessed subject to call by the
County Judge.

WESLEY B. WARD DIES.

Wesley B. Ward died of pneu-
monia following an appendix opera-
tion at the hospital on Tuesday,
August 22, 1939. He was buried on
August 23rd at 4 o'clock P. M. in
the Yancey cemetery. The funeral
services were conducted by Pastor
Williams of the Yancey Baptist
church, and held in the Methodist
church building to accommodate the
large crowd in attendance. The pall-
bearers were: W. B. Melton, P. D.
McAnnely, Ralph McCaughan, Clar-
ence Muenink, Elbert Wilson and
Emmett Berry.

Mr. Ward was born in Gonzales
County on December 26, 1883, and
had, therefore, attained to the age
of 55 years, seven months and 26
days. He moved to Yancey with his
parents when 16 years of age and
had resided there since. He was twice
married, his second marriage oc-
curring in 1906, when he was married
to Miss Amanda Bohmfalk. She and
three children survive. The children
are Clarence and Roy Ward and Mrs.
Marion Muenink, all of Yancey.

This paper joins in sympathy for
those who mourn the untimely pass-
ing of a beloved husband and father.

TO ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

The regular meeting of Chapter
350 R. A. M. will convene Monday
evening, August 28th. A visit from
the grand officers on official busi-
ness is expected, and all members
are requested to be present.

H. E. HAASS,
Secretary.

After a few days' visit with his
uncle, Fletcher Davis, and family,
Robert Lockhart Harris left Sunday
for his home in Mississippi. While
here he visited some of the tourist
attractions in San Antonio and made
a trip over to Pedras Negras, Mexico
on Saturday. He was accompanied
as far as Paris, Texas, by Misses
Octavia and Anne Davis who planned
to continue their visit to Memphis,
Tennessee, points in Mississippi and
other places before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. Caughey Horger and
children are here from Hutchinson,
Kansas, on a visit to Mr. Horger's
aged mother, Mrs. J. T. Horger. Mr.
Horger is teaching in a Nazarine
church school.

Mrs. James Lee Werst and little
daughter, Beth, left Sunday for
Temple on a visit to Mrs. Werst's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brad-
ford.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BACK- ING SEWER PROJECT.

There was a called meeting of the
directors of the Chamber of Com-
merce and the special committee on
the sewer and water project on
Thursday evening, August 24th, at
the Hondo National Bank, which was
not very well attended. Some discus-
sion was held on the question of
drawing up the petition to be pre-
sented to the State Board of Water
Engineers at Austin for the creation
of a Water Control and Improvement
District to put in a sewer system and
to buy out or have the local water
plant put in a standard system in
Hondo and cut down the high key
rate on our local fire insurance. It
was agreed that the petition be
drawn and get the required number
of signers and present it.

The question of not having suf-
ficient news happenings in and
around Hondo printed in the San
Antonio papers came up and it was
decided to have the secretary send
in news items as secretary of the
Chamber of Commerce. Other towns
are getting much more publicity than
Hondo and the Chamber of Com-
merce felt it was an injustice to the
Hondo community.

CHANGE AT DEPOT.

Mr. Black, who for the past several
weeks has been agent, operator,
clerk, freight rustler, errand boy,
general factotum and what-have-you
at the depot, asked for and received
a transfer to Seguin where he will be
telegraph operator, the particular
line in which he has specialized.

Mr. W. O. Bogran arrived and
took over the job Thursday as Mr.
Black's successor.

During the few months Mr. Black
has lived in Hondo he has made many
friends by his close attention to busi-
ness and his uniform courtesy and
accommodation to the patrons of the
railroad. He will be accompanied by
his new home by the well-wishes of
all whom he has contacted while
here.

Mr. Roggan will be cordially wel-
comed into the business life of Hon-
do.

PREPARING FOR ST. JOHN'S FESTIVAL.

Preparation for St. John's Church
Festival on September 10 is progress-
ing in great style, the newest and
latest in barbecue pits is being built
on the church grounds, and the
various committees are working with
enthusiasm.

The highlight of this social will be
the new system of serving at the
tables. This is being sponsored by the
ladies of St. John's Altar Society and
all the young ladies of the parish will
fight . . . for the honor to help them
serve a great meal.

THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB.

Mrs. J. M. Finger entertained the
members of the Thursday Club last
week with two tables of bridge. High
score was won by Mrs. O. B. Taylor
and second high by Mrs. Volney
Boon. At the close of the games
delicious tutti-frutti ice cream and
jelly roll were served to the follow-
ing: Mesdames W. H. Smith, O. H.
Miller, R. J. Noonan, O. B. Taylor,
Volney Boon, L. J. Brucks, L. E.
Heath, and Robert Kollman.

LADIES BRIDGE CLUB.

Mrs. L. E. Heath entertained the
members of the Ladies Bridge Club
on Tuesday afternoon from three to
five o'clock. Trophies for high score
and second high went to Mrs.
Fletcher Davis and Mrs. O. B. Taylor,
respectively. Vari-colored zinnias
adorned the home and a refreshing
ice course was served at the close
of the games.

REA NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Mr. A. W. Harder, Construction
Superintendent, reports 50 miles of
poles erected to date. Also the right-
of-way clearing crew is rapidly ap-
proaching the completion of their
part of the construction. The setting
of transformers will begin the first
of next week and the following week
will see the stringing of the alumi-
num cable conductors. 1,494,000 feet
of this aluminum cable has been
shipped into Hondo. Yancey and
Quihi during the last week.

The moving of the telephone lines
on the Yancey Road is being held
up because of the lack of youths in
this area certified for this work. Mr.
Bardin, Supt., asks every youth in
this area who is eligible for NYA
work and who wants this work to see
Mrs. Merrill in the County Agent's
office as soon as possible. The
spotting of poles on the Yancey Road
will begin next week.

Mr. J. E. VanHoose, Regional En-
gineer for REA, visited the project
the past week and found everything
going along smoothly. Mr. R. S.
Weber, REA Field Engineer, accom-
panied Mr. VanHoose on his round
of inspection. Mr. Britt, REA
Auditor, was in the project office
this week to assist the bookkeeper in
setting up the bookkeeping system
for the Cooperative.

House wiring is progressing rapid-
ly at the present time. Those mem-
bers who have not made arrange-
ments to wire their places should
contact a wiring contractor at once
and make the necessary arrange-
ments. According to Mr. Bardin,
there are 154 houses on the project
already wired for service.

Mr. Bardin wishes every member
to keep in mind the Cooperative
spirit.

FORMER CITIZEN DIES AT CHARLOTTE.

E. J. Douglas, a former citizen of
Hondo, died at his home in Charlotte,
Texas, Saturday, August 19, 1939,
and was buried there Monday. Mr.
Douglas had reached the advanced
age of 85 years and had been in
feeble health for several months.
Death no doubt came as a welcome
relief from suffering that could
find alleviation only in death.

Mr. Douglas was a son-in-law of
the late Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Routt,
and his wife survives him. He was a
man of temperate habits, industrious
and law-abiding. His family and
friends have the sympathy of all in
their loss.

MARRIED.

Miss Mildred Martin, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Martin, and
George Goffinet were happily mar-
ried at the Methodist parsonage in
Hondo Saturday evening, August 19,
1939. Rev. W. S. Highsmith performed
the nuptial service using the ring
ceremony. Only a few relatives and
intimate friends were present.

The bride wore a dark traveling
suit, and, after a brief honeymoon,
the young couple will make their
home in San Antonio where the
groom is employed.

This paper joins other friends of
the happy pair in congratulations
and best wishes.

SCHCOL NOTICE.

The Hondo Public Schools will
open for the fall term on Monday,
September fourth.

Registration dates for high-school
students are as follows:
Eleventh grade: 9:00 A. M. Fri-
day, September 1.

Tenth grade: 1:00 P. M. Friday,
September 1.

Ninth grade: 9:00 A. M. Saturday,
September 2.

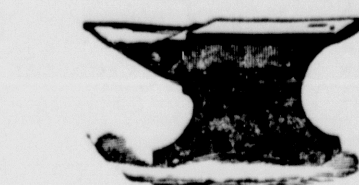
Eighth grade: 1:00 P. M. Satur-
day, September 2.

QUIHI NOTES.

And early in the morning Laban
rose up, and kissed his sons and his
daughters, and blessed them; and
Laban departed, and returned unto
his place. Gen. 31:55.

Our text connects us up with the
Laban-Jacob treaty and peace nego-
tiation and peaceful farewell, at a
time when Europe again is in a war
flutter and war hysteria, with the
wires loaded and the radios booming
and everybody talking all at once and
everybody defending sides already in
case of a conflict and even before.
The whole world, and particularly the
U. S., is used for a forum, a general
auditorium, in the secret expectation
that lead up to the crisis. The last
flashes and culminations are mostly
sufficient to rouse public emotions
and passions, and even the respective
governments are forced into a course
that, eventually, means bloodshed
and ruin and merely lays the founda-
tion for the next catastrophe for the
whole world.—Our text affords quite
a contrast. The grievances have been
aired out, an honest peace-treaty was
suggested, the stipulations were fully
discussed and agreed upon, a pillar,
a monument of peace for a constant
reminder, was set up, fitting names
and inscriptions were selected,
solemn promises were given with
God for a witness, thanksgiving sacri-
fices were offered, topping the
memorable day with a jolly peace
banquet for the re-united factions,
lasting during the night. And then
followed the touching parting scene
of our text. There was no victor, no
vanquished. A peace without victory,
without humiliation and shameful
terms, based on false charges and
secured under duress and violence,
no relentless reparations for the
obvious purpose of sapping the
strength of the opponent and stunt-
ing and preventing his growth in the
future. There was no occupation and
policing or controlling of foreign
territory for years, thus carrying on
war in the midst of peace. All this,
in the last analysis, would only
strengthen the determination of the
opponent to gain his liberty and re-
store his former rights. There was no
partition and snatching away of
lands and, arbitrarily, donate them to
some other power, lands that, under
new conditions, would be claimed and
remanded by the original owner, and
then be given back (Czecho-Slo-
vakia?) or be defended by the
snatchers and donors, in behalf of
the present illegal owners of these
lands. That seems to be the "Danzig
problem", no matter what other
"principles" or "fears for the future"
may just now be hung up for public
inspection. (A criminal cannot be
charged with a crime that he might
commit in ten or twenty years; nor
can the holder of "stolen property"
clamor for his "independence" very
well, when the police invade his
premises to restore that property to
its real owner.) To all appearances,
the peace treaty between Jacob-
Laban, removed all stumbling-blocks
or possible causes for new litiga-
tions and feuds, an item that is ordi-
narily forgotten in modern peace-treaties
where the question of territorial gain
or domination and superiority over-
shadows every other consideration.
There is no "kissing" and "blessing"
when modern peace-partners go
home, as with Laban, but a gnashing
of teeth and revenge in the heart on
one side, furnishing the sub-soil for
the next clash.—Nor do we find any
trace for attempts towards future
coalitions and potential partners in
the next conflict, in the form of
"Military alliance" (for immediate
action in case of war) or "non-agres-
sion agreements" (the "partner" to
refrain from action), with all the
"surprises" involved and the con-
sternation and fury following. We
know those "political partners"
change rapidly. In 1899, the Czar
of Russia wrote to this sister that
he could stop the war of England against
the Boers in Africa at once. "All I
need is to give my troops in Turkes-
tan the command to march to the
boundaries" at the most "vulnerable"
part of English possessions. In 1914,
he was on the other side. The ex-
kaiser, William II., in those days was
asked which side he would take.
When he replied that most likely he
would join the English, his cousin,
the Prince of Wales, thanked him,
saying, "You have no idea, my dear
Bill, how much we in England value
the loyal friendship that you have
shown at so many occasions in our
behalf. We always hope to look upon
Germany as our best friend, as long
as you are at the helm of it." A year
later the prince became the king of
England, Edward VII., that began his
"neutrality policy" which finally
sent "my dear Bill" into exile. Laban-
Jacob had God for a witness in their
treaty. Any room for Him today?

It takes a little courage to do it
* but independent Democrats *
* stand for the Constitution, *
* the party platform of 1932 and the *
* Ten Commandments. If that's a *
* sin, some of us are on our way *
* to political purgatory. *
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SPARKS

Being News, Views and Reviews
by the
Managing Editor

AGINITS VS. FOR-ITS

By Clayton Rand

* Millions of us in this country
* have always been boosters. We
* have directed most of our tal-
* ents for something rather than
* against something. It hurts us
* now to become aginits when we
* have always been for-its.

* But one can't be for efficiency,
* economy and honesty in govern-
* ment right now without being
* against this damfoolishness that
* rages like some epidemic.

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THE WRINGER IS STARTED.

It took Congress a long time to
awaken to the fact that our debt-
breeding fiscal policy was leading the
nation rapidly toward bankruptcy.
But, judging by the session which
has recently closed, the majority of
the lawmakers finally awakened.

The action of Congress in sharply
reducing appropriation all along the
line, and in flatly refusing to pass
more radical "emergency" legisla-
tion, has earned that body the gra-
titude of the thinking people of this
country. It has encouraged business,
and given the advocates of common
sense, who were long routed by the
free spenders, a revival of optimism.
And, to some extent, it has cleared
away clouds that obscured the fu-
ture.

All this will be true, of course,
only if succeeding congresses hew to
the same line. And, in addition, they
must go farther. It is not enough to
(Continued on last page)

tive treatment. The four young chaps
were recuperating fast, and we hope
the little Miss will follow them soon.

Announcements for August 27:
German service at New Fountain at
10; English service at 8 P. M. These
are grave days. Let the "Light of the
World" shine into your hearts. We
invite you cordially.

—C. W.

BUSINESS CHANGE.

I have sold the Highway Garage,
business and good-will to Richard
Weber, and take this opportunity to
thank all who patronized me in the
past and to ask that you extend the
same favors to my successor that you
have shown me.

Gratefully yours,
GEORGE MUENNINK.

I have purchased and in the future
will operate the Highway Garage
Magnolia Gas and Oil will be handled
and washing and greasing done.
Spark plugs will be checked and
cleaned with every wash or greasing
job.

Your patronage will be appreciat-
ed. 1tc.

RICHARD WEBER.

METHODIST NOTES.

Revival services will continue at
the Methodist church through Sunday
with the evening service at 8 o'clock.
The Sunday morning worship will
be at 10 o'clock. The attendance at
all the services has been fine. Mr.
W. F. Gaudin of the San Antonio
Public Service Company has contrib-
uted to the comfort of those attend-
ing by loaning a large 48-inch fan.
Rev. Stewart Clendenin who has been
bringing splendid messages will
preach Friday night, Saturday night
and Sunday morning. Rev. J. J.
Mason will preach Sunday evening.

Rev. Lem D. Brown of Yancey has
rendered splendid service as song
leader and director of Children's
Work. We appreciate his willingness
to help on short notice.

W. S. HIGHSMITH,
Pastor.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Sunday, August 27: Services in
German, beginning at 10:00 o'clock;
Sunday school and Bible class at 9:00
o'clock.

—PAUL CZERKUS,
Pastor.

FOR SALE.

I have 35 Registered Nannies at
\$10.00 per nanny, and 100 Grade
Nannies at \$3.50 per nanny. If in-
terested, phone or write, F. E.
WHISENHUNT, Medina, Tex. 2tc.

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"NOBODY'S BUSINESS."

By
Julian Capers, Jr.

The opinions here expressed are the author's own and not necessarily those of this paper.—M. E.

AUSTIN, August 19.—A showdown fight between oil conservation authorities of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, Arkansas and New Mexico and a group of major oil companies which cut the price of crude oil in the face of the best statistical position which the industry has enjoyed in 12 years, was under way this week-end.

Led by Ernest Thompson, Texas railroad commissioner, the oil states enumerated, which produce more than 65 percent of the nation's crude, through their representatives at an extraordinary session held in Oklahoma City, ordered shutdowns of their producing wells as a "strike" protest against increasing gasoline prices and declining crude prices.

Thompson asked Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel to call a special session of the Legislature, and submit a 5-cent per barrel additional tax on oil, to finance social security in Texas, but O'Daniel promptly refused the request, with the same quick sympathy which he displayed during the recent regular session at every attempt to tax the large interests of the State for social security. He declared it his opinion the Legislature would not pass an oil tax bill, in rejecting Thompson's request. O'Daniel's judgment of what the Legislature will or will not do proved so inaccurate during the regular session that observers here doubted whether the governor was qualified to forecast legislative action. The oil companies contribute not one penny to the present \$20,000,000 a year social security program in Texas, the money being derived from taxes on liquor, amusements, and contributions from the Federal government.

Humble Precipitates Crisis

The oil crisis was precipitated by the Humble Oil Co., leading Texas refiner of crude, and subsidiary of the outlawed Standard. Railroad Commissioner Jerry Sadler demanded an investigation by the Attorney General, and Gerald Mann announced that he already had under way a probe to ascertain whether Humble was violating the State's anti-trust laws. Simultaneously, the Railroad Commission began a hearing on application of Humble to increase by 45 percent the allowable quotas of its East Texas wells, as the result of a Federal Court order, based on the recent Rowan & Nichols case. Outcome of this hearing was expected to be a complete revision of the present allowable basis used for years in the East Texas field by the Commission, and a new East Texas proration order. The Humble and certain other majors have consistently opposed intensive drilling in East Texas, while Thompson, policy-making member of the Commission, has advocated intensive drilling there to give the landowner the fullest opportunity to recover the maximum of oil, and to furnish additional employment to oil field workers.

The shutdown order in the various producing states varies from 15 days in Texas to indeterminate periods. Conservation officials hope that a restoration of crude prices may come out of the shutdown, and color was lent this hope by the action of several minor oil purchasers who had cut the price, and promptly restored the old schedule. There was no indication whether the Humble and Sinclair, major price cutters, would yield at the week-end.

Political Sidelight

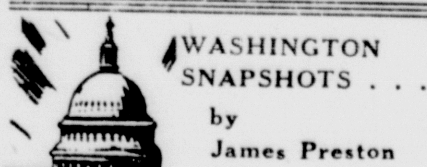
Thompson's anticipated race for Governor next year was given a decided impetus by his bold stroke in demanding a special session and a tax on oil to pay pensions. The red-headed Colonel, who left the national guard encampment at Palacios to assume command in the oil crisis, placed O'Daniel in a most embarrassing position. O'Daniel told the old folks that his "first order of business" would be to raise pension money. His own plan failed before the Legislature, and when Thompson proposed what his friends say is a certain and painless method, the Governor shied away from it immediately. All this becomes a part of the "record," which the candidates are so fond of reviewing on the stump and over the radio, when another summer starts the political sap to rising in Texas.

Federal Control Menace

Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, and foremost advocate of Federal Oil control in the national administration, promptly took advantage of the oil crisis to urge Federal control of production and other U. S. regulation, as contained in the bill by Congressman Cole of Maryland, which failed of passage during the regular session just ended.

Opponents of Federal control, which includes most Texas indepen-

dent oil men, pointed to the prompt and effective cooperative action by the largest oil producing states in agreeing upon and ordering the shutdown, through the Interstate Oil Compact, as a complete refutation of Ickes' contention that Federal regulation is necessary. In addition to the cost and inconvenience of having to go to Washington to get a permit to drill an oil well, Texas oilmen realize that Washington control will deprive the state of one of its largest potential sources of tax income, should the Federal government preempt the taxation of oil, a natural corollary to Federal control. There have always been some major oil companies whose guiding geniuses favored Federal control. Many Austin observers believe that the time is not far distant when the oil industry is going to be required by the people of Texas to contribute something toward the costly social security program. Having failed, even with the help of the Governor, to write into the constitution a provision limiting their contribution forever to a paltry fraction of one cent a barrel, some of the major companies are under a distinct suspicion of hoping to force Federal control to avoid future state taxation in Texas and elsewhere.



The opinions here expressed are Mr. Preston's own and not necessarily those of this paper.—M. E.

Congress has gone home now, bag and baggage, so those who make a career of speculating on matters political are turning their eyes away from Washington to find subjects for discussion. But all the discussion is still influenced by what happened in the national capital before the boys packed up and left.

One question looms large in the minds of both the public and political commentators: How substantially will Congressional action last session help business recovery?

Critics of industry got in the first lick by claiming that Congress had "accepted industry's challenge" by making what legislative changes and reforms it did accomplish, and that now responsibility for complete and hasty recovery rests squarely on the shoulders of business.

If this argument was supposed to make an impression, it missed fire rather badly. It was too easy to see the flaw in the argument that, after ten years of experimentation and tinkering with the economic machinery of the country on the part of the politicians, industry should take heart the moment that signs of a change for the better made their appearance. Business knows, from experience painfully gained, that a lot remains to be done to put things back in good running order. Congress has a lot more constructive work ahead of it next session if it really wants to be helpful.

—WSS—

Meantime, however, all indications are that business management is moving ahead to the best of its ability, grateful for the encouragement that the Senators and Representatives have afforded by their actions and attitudes. Among the things that are most heartening to industry, and that came out of this year's Washington legislative mill, the defeat of the spending bill, the tax revisions incorporated in the Revenue Act of 1939, and social security reforms may be listed as outstanding.

The collapse of the vast omnibus spend-lend "white rabbit" was cheering to business because it served as an indication that Congress no longer intends to run down the road with every spending program that is suggested. Business, which bears so large a part of the nation's tax burden, hopes fervently that this particular action by Congress is the herald of a real economy drive at the following session.

The tax revisions made this year were not all that business had hoped, but they were a step in the right direction. And the amendments in social security requirements followed fairly closely suggestions made by business long before the original bill was drafted, seemingly indicating that, in matters which touch business so closely, the lawmakers might save many unfortunate errors if they listened to businessmen's advice a little more often.

—WSS—

It is, of course, evident to all unbiased observers that the failure of Congress to amend the Wagner Labor Relations Act, in spite of overwhelming public opinion favoring such changes, was a blow both to the democratic process and to industrial prosperity. To be sure, a committee has been appointed to investigate the Board itself, but this investigation, while important, does not remove the drawbacks to employment involved in the defects of the Wagner Act itself.

—WSS—

When the significance of the steps taken in Washington last session are really thus placed clearly in perspective, it is easy to see how absurd are the claims of those who are screaming a challenge to business, ordering it to bring about recovery in the five months between Congressional sessions.

What confuses the spectators is this: Business is expected to do something the challengers haven't been able to do in seven years!

—WSS—

COINCIDENCE NOTE: The printed volume of the 190 Federal budget weighs four pounds, seven ounces. That volume represents what the administration is asking for to run the government for a year. The printed volume of the Federal tax laws, which represents what the government collects to run the government for a year, weighs only three pounds, one ounce.

Coincidentally, that is just about the difference between the amount of money collected and the amount spent.

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW

From Floresville Chronicle-Journal
Newspaper men throughout Texas deeply mourn the death at San Marcos on Sunday of Mrs. T. A. Buckner, beloved wife of Mr. Tom Buckner of the San Marcos Record, and mother of Walter Buckner, editor of The Record and President of the Texas Press Association. The funeral held Monday afternoon was largely attended. She had been in ill health for a number of years. A beautiful Christian character, she had reared a fine family of sons and daughters, who possess many of the splendid traits instilled by this good mother. Another son, Addison, is also associated with his father and brother on the San Marcos paper. Our hearts go out to these dear friends in deepest sympathy.

From The Pearsall Leader

Tom Gilliam, president; Maury Riggan, chairman of the Road committee of the chamber of commerce, and W. W. Few and R. T. Barnhart members attended a road meeting in La Pryor Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed Blackaller and daughters, Misses Margaret and Clara Bell, and Mrs. Jim Gates, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Prassell of San Antonio, visited in Carlsbad, New Mexico, this week.

C. E. Martin and son, Rothe, motored to their ranch near Hondo Wednesday.

From Atascosa County Monitor

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Bippert of La Cote and Mrs. Frances Wurzbach of San Antonio were guests Sunday in the A. N. Steinhilber home.

Miss Dorothy Marie Steinhilber returned home Tuesday with her guests of the past week, Miss Mildred Mangold and Donald Mangold, of LaCote for an extended visit.

From Uvalde Leader-News UTOPIA

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Magovern of San Antonio and Miss Julia Mazelle Crow of Hondo spent last week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tampke.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Tampke and Hollis Penley visited Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walters in Hondo Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Tampke in company with Mr. and Mrs. Horace Crow of Hondo spent several days last week in Corpus Christi visiting Mrs. J. E. Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Umlang went to San Antonio Sunday where Mrs. Umlang took the train to go to Dallas for a visit with their daughter, Miss Gertrude Umlang.

Our young friend, Fletcher Davis, who for 40 years has been presiding over the Anvil Herald of Hondo, is enjoying a well deserved vacation in his old home state of Mississippi. Visiting the "scenes of his childhood" is a great thrill—but it's different usually to what we expected. Old friends are generally gone and with the years the streams, the mountains, the old home itself have grown smaller. But Fletcher and his good wife will have plenty of pleasure visiting back there. No man is more deserving of a real vacation than hard-working Davis.

From Val Verde County Herald

Miss Elsie Sauer of Brackettville and sister, Mrs. William Brown of Fort Stockton, as well as Mrs. Grace Anderson and son, Harold, of San Antonio, were Del Rio visitors Saturday.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Riley Dunman Sunday included Mrs. Dunman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dawson; Mrs. Dunman's uncle, Joe Wolff, and son; and Durwood Hartsfield all of Sanderson.

From South Texas Press Association Bulletin

The Hondo Anvil Herald, published by the Davis family, is one of the interesting papers to reach my desk. It comes in a four sheet size, folded, and it takes a lot of space to unfold and get ready to read the news. News of D'Hanis and Castroville are always of interest because of the history of the settling of those two old towns and of the antiquated appearance they present to the tourist. Much news of farmers and their problems appear on the inside pages of this weekly, and we are quite sure that they are carefully filed by the housewives of the county.

MAKING POOR LAND RICH

If terraces built by Texas farmers who took part in the AAA farm program in 1938 were put end to end like a rope, they would reach across the United States and double back five times.

A final recapitulation of 1938 soil-building practices disclosed that these farmers decorated 208,528 acres of sloping cropland with 20,000 miles of terraces, did 3,580,500 feet of farm pasture ridging on the contour, and in this manner and otherwise, improved an estimated 8 million acres, or more than half the tillable surface of Texas.

The report did not list results of the '38 range program, which were to be tabulated later this week.

Although nearly twice as many farmers carried out soil-building practices under the program last year, compared with 1937, Texas operators failed by \$2,913,000 to earn the maximum available for this purpose.

Strictly soil-building features of the 1938 farm program in Texas cost the government \$3,677,000. But the value of terracing alone in three years would more than exceed the cost of the entire soil-building pro-

gram, according to Extension Service estimates on terracing benefits. George Slaughter, chairman of the State Agricultural Conservation Committee, remarked that "a good deal has been replaced of the soil fertility mined in the 20's and wasted on glutted markets in the early 30's," and that the AAA is stressing even more this year the idea of "conserving soil and moisture and reinforcing land against wind, water and tractor erosion."

Among the items which qualified for 1938 soil-building payments in Texas were:

Approximately 125 water tanks, on farms; 3,580,502 acres of contour farming, summer fallowing, contour listing or contour seeding of small grains; 6,177 acres of tree planting; 28,915 acres of sod replacement; 7,709,865 acres of green manure crops turned under or legumes planted; 2,171,803 acres of permanent pasture mixtures seeded; and nearly 4 million pounds of slag, phosphates, or ground limestone applied to ailing cropland.

C. M. MERRITT,
County Agricultural Agent.

RECEIVE BACHELOR DEGREES.

San Marcos, Texas, Aug. 23.—Josephine Brucks and Honar Grace Duderstadt, both of Hondo, were candidates for Bachelor's degrees from Southwest Texas State Teachers College when the summer graduates received their degrees from President C. E. Evans Wednesday evening, August 23.

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The Settling of the Sage

By Hal G. Evarts

Splendid story of the cattle country; full of action, adventure, gun play, cattle rustling, the round up, and romance. Cal Harris, the hero; Billie Warren, the heroine; Slade, the villain; and many others take part in this epic of ranch life.

They mounted and rode back to the wagon and the girl went straight to Waddles with the proposition Harris had urged.

"Tell him to go his best," Waddles advised, when she had outlined Harris' scheme. "He'll put a bunch of terriers on the Three Bar that will cut Slade's claws. If they burn out the boys Cal Harris puts on the place then there'll be one real war staged at the old Three Bar."

"He's been telling you," she accused. "He did sort of mention it," Waddles confessed.

"Then his idea is to import a bunch of gun-fighters," she said. "I won't have a bunch of hired killers living at the Three Bar."

"These boys will just be the sort that's handy at knowing how to avoid getting killed themselves," Waddles evaded. "You can't rightly blame any man for that. And besides, Slade has to be met on his own ground."

"Do you think Slade is at the bottom of the Three Bar losses every year?" she asked.

"Every hoof," Waddles stated. "Every last head! Maybe the albinos' layout rustles an odd bunch on and off. But Slade is the man that's out to wreck your brand." The big cook heaved a sigh as he reached a decision on a matter which had been troubling him for days. "That's what Cal Warren was afraid of—Slade's branching out our way like he had already toward the south. And that's one reason he left things tied up the way he did."

He tapped a much-thumbed document on his knee and handed it to the girl.

"You and Young Cal have been sort of half-hostile," he said. "Cast an eye over that and maybe it'll help you two youngsters to get along."

Three times the girl read every word of the paper while Waddles smoked his pipe in silence. Then she sat on the gate of the wagon and gazed off across the sage; and she was picturing again the long trail of the Three Bar cows; but this time she was reconstructing the scene at the end of it. Instead of one man scheming to trick an old friend at the last crossing of their trails she now visioned two old men regretting that the life-long hope of a partnership had never been fulfilled and planning to cement that arrangement in the next generation. For old Bill Harris had left her a full half-interest in everything he owned on earth with the single stipulation that she retain her half of the Three Bar for five years after her father's death.

"But why?" she asked presently. "Why did he do that for me? He'd never seen me since I was three years old."

"He did it for the girl of old Cal Warren, the best friend he had top-side of ground," Waddles said. "Your dad and Bill Harris had been pals since they was hatched. They knew there was hard times and changes ahead and both hated to think of the old brand going under or changing hands. They was afraid that if both you and the boy knew your path was going to be carpeted soft in any event that you might sell out if things got to breaking wrong. This way it looked like you'd be sure to stick. They was planning the best they knew. Your dad told me to keep an eye on the general lay. And Judge Colton sent me that copy to have on hand to sort of iron things out when I thought best. I'm telling you because I know you wouldn't quit the Three Bar as long as there's two cows left."

"Does Cal know?" she asked. "Not a word," Waddles asserted. "He's likely considerable puzzled himself. But he surmises things will break right some day, knowing his own dad and havin' visited round a day or two with yours. You drop the judge a line, girl, and turn Harris loose to rip up the Three Bar flat and seed it down to hay."

She nodded and slipped from the end-gate of the wagon, taking the paper with her. Harris was soaking a flannel shirt in the little stream, flattening it in a rifle and weighting it down with rocks. She went straight

to him and sat on the bank, motioning him to a seat by her side. He dried his hands and took the paper she held out to him.

"What's in the wind?" he asked. She nodded to indicate the document and he sat down to look over it. His quizzical expression was erased as he saw his father's name and the girl watched his face for some evidence of resentment as he read on. Their status was now reversed, for Bill Harris' holdings had been easily double those of her own parent. She saw the sun wrinkles deepen at the corners of his eyes as he grasped the text of it and he looked up at her and laughed.

"Now we're resting easy," he said. "An even trade."

"Uneven," she dissented. "Of course you know that I'll not take advantage of that."

"Accounts are all squared off between us now," he said. "And of course you'll do just what it says." He held up his hand as she started to dissent. "Don't you!" he reproved. "Let's let that end of it slide—rest for a while. Maybe some day we'll lump both into one and the two of us boss the whole job."

She rested a hand on his arm.

"Of course you know I'm sorry for a number of things I've said to you," she said. "But I want to thank you for being too decent to return them in kind. You're real folks, Cal."

"Good girl, Billie," he thanked her. "As to what you said, it's remarkable that you didn't say more. I knew you weren't crabbng over what you might lose for yourself but over the thought that your father had been tricked. I tried to put myself in your place and if I'd been you I know I'd have kicked me off the place, or told Waddles to turn loose his wolf."

He switched abruptly away from the topic in hand and reverted to the subject they had discussed an hour past.

"We've a clear field now with nothing on our minds but the job of putting the Three Bar on its feet," he said. "The Three Bar is a pretty small outfit the way things are today but in a few more years the brand that runs three thousand head will be almost in the class of cattle kings. The range will be settled with an outfit roosting on every available site. The big fellows will find their range cut up and then they're through. If the Three Bar flies on all the water out of Crazy Loop and covers the flat with hay we'll control all the range for a number of miles each way. There's not another site short of Brandon's place west of us—twelve miles or so; about the same to the east; still farther off south of us. We'll be riding the crest. You try and get a letter off to the judge today."

The girl nodded. "We'll try it," she said. "I know that Cal Warren would rather see the Three Bar go to pieces from its own



"Will Try It," She Said.

pressure, fighting from the inside to grow, than to see it whittled down from the outside without our fighting back."

She crossed to her teepee to write the letter asking Judge Colton's advice on this matter which would mean the turning point in Three Bar affairs. An hour later Horne rode away from the wagon, his bed roll packed on a led horse, heading for Brill's with the message that meant so much to the Three Bar. As he left Harris handed him two letters he had written weeks past, before leaving the ranch.

Presumably only the three of them knew of the intended move but in the course of the next few days it had become rumored among the men that the Three Bar was to turn into a farming outfit. The girl learned that Carpenter was the source of these whispers.

Ever since the departure of Morrow Carp had been sullen. Twice he had taken exceptions to some order of Harris' but the new foreman had patiently overlooked the fact. However, on the fifth day after the departure of Horne with the letter to Judge Colton, Harris whirled on the man as he made an anti-squatter remark when the hands were gathered for the noon meal.

"That'll be all," he said. "I'll figure out your time. You took things up where Morrow left off. Now you can go hunt him up and compare notes."

"Can't a man speak his mind?" Carp demanded.

"He can talk his head off," Harris said. But he can't overlook any Three

Bar calves on his circle while I'm running the layout. Morrow tried that on while he was breknng you in."

Carp surveyed the faces of the men and started to speak but changed his mind and headed for the rope corral. "That's going to leave us short-handed," Harris said to the girl. "Morrow, Carp and Bangs—three short. Horne ought to get back from Brill's today. We've only one more week out so I guess we can worry through."

"How did you know?" she asked. "About Carp, I mean?"

"Lanky caught him overlooking a bunch of cows with knives," Harris explained. "Lanky is worth double pay."

Horne came back from Brill's in the early evening and another man rode with him.

"Hello," Billie said. "I wonder what the sheriff is doing out here."

The sheriff stripped the saddle from his horse and the wrangler swooped down to haze the animal in with the remuda as Alden joined Harris and the girl. He was a tall, gaunt man with a slight stoop. His keen gray eyes peered forth from a mass of sun wrinkles surrounded by heavily veined brows, the drooping gray mustache accentuating rather than detracting from the hawklike strength of countenance. He dropped a hand on the girl's shoulder and looked down at her.

"How are things breaking this season, Billie?" he asked. "Everything running smooth?"

"About the same," she said. They were old friends and the girl knew that Alden would help her in any possible way.

The sheriff turned to Harris.

"I see you've settled down to a steady job, Cal, instead of browsing around the hills alone. I ran across Horne at Brill's and he was telling me about some one gunning for you from the brush. Morrow, he says, do you want me to pick Morrow up?"

"It would only waste your time," Harris said. "We couldn't prove it on him—the way things are."

"Fact," Alden agreed. "But I could hold him till after you're back at the ranch. Some day folks may wake up and need a sheriff. It's hard to say." The men had finished working the herd and were crowding around the wagon for their meal.

"You go ahead and eat, Billie," Alden said. "Cal and I'll feed a little later on. I've got a fuss to pick with Cal."

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SAN ANTONIO LIVESTOCK MARKET.

August 21, 1939.

Federal-Statue Market News Service San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 21.—HOGS: Estimated salable and total receipts 700. Market active and strong to 15c higher than late last week. Top \$5.90 for most good to choice 170 to 250 lbs. Best 160 to 170 lbs. \$5.60 to \$5.90, 140 to 160 lbs. \$5.00 to \$5.60, 250 to 300 lbs. \$5.60 to \$5.90. Packing sows mostly \$4.25 down. Few feeder pigs, \$3.00 to \$4.00.

CATTLE: Estimated salable and total receipts 1,000; CALVES, 2,200. Trading generally active and fully steady on most classes of cattle. Trading on calves uneven, most early bids on medium to good killing kinds slightly lower, but generally a steady market. Stocker buyers out-bidding packers on most heavy calves.

Steers scarce, few plain 762 and 720 lbs., \$6.40 to \$6.25, respectively. Plain and medium yearlings mostly \$5.50 to \$7.00, few good 846 lb. fed yearlings to \$8.00, including a load scaling 604 lbs., at \$7.15, and a load of 676 lb. yearlings and two-year old heifers at \$6.75. Canner and cutter cows mostly \$3.00 to \$4.00, some "shells" as low as \$2.50. Plain and medium cows mostly \$4.25 to \$5.00, including a load of 815 lbs. at \$4.85. Good cows \$5.00 to \$5.25. Bulls mostly \$5.00 to \$5.50, odd head to \$5.75, and some light weights down to \$4.00.

Medium to good slaughter calves mostly \$6.75 to \$7.75, including a load at \$7.00 and a load of 388 lbs. at \$7.75. Choice heavy calves scaling 434 lbs. at \$8.25. Plain kinds down to \$5.00, culled down to \$4.00. Stocker-ster calves mostly \$8.00 to \$8.75, heifers mostly \$7.25 to \$8.00, few in mixed lots to \$8.50 and above, and few head of choice steer calves to \$9.00 and above. Plain stocker calves down to \$6.00 and below.

SHEEP: Estimated salable and total receipts 600. Market fully steady. Few stocker lambs up to \$6.00, stocker yearlings, \$3.50 to \$4.50. Sheep scarce, few stocker ewes \$2.50. Active demand for all stocker classes. Shorn Angora goats, \$1.60 to \$2.00.

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C. M. MERRITT, County Agri. Agent.



BILLY THOMAS, THE BOY SLAVE

Among the deaths as listed in our issue of July 21st was the following notice:

"June 26, William Thomas, Sr., (col.), 89 years."

We knew Uncle Billy had been a noteworthy character among the colored population of the community, but we knew nothing about his history and so let his passing go without further notice. It so happened that one of his white friends had used the colorful story of Uncle Billy's life as a human interest story in one of his English classes in college, and we are privileged to use, under the above caption, the story as follows:—

By W. N. Saathoff.

Slavery agitations and turmoils were continually kept alive along the border lines of the free and slave states. Ever since the time of the admission of Missouri as a slave state there smoldered the fires of political contention and control of the state that entered the union. In the state of Missouri there was no rest in politics. The control of the state politically was not assured. There were many outbursts of ill-will and hot blood. Many of the slave-holders became disgruntled and moved to other states further south in order to have peace and rest. Among those was Alleck Chamberlain who had just one family of slaves consisting of father, mother, and four children. They moved to Calhoun County, Mississippi, where they remained till about the close of the Civil War. The slaves were "Uncle Tom" and family.

Billy Thomas was born in Missouri in 1850 of slave parents. He had four sisters. His mother's name was Caroline and his father was Uncle Tom. When Billy was five years old the family was moved to Mississippi. But poor Billy had to give up his father. He was sold to a Willis Gamia who took him away and nothing was ever heard from him thereafter. Uncle Tom was a sturdy slave. He could work more than any two and would never complain at conditions, but one thing he would not let his master whip him. That is why he was sold. When "Mars Alleck" would get ready to apply the lash, Uncle Tom would say "Mars Alleck" I'm bin faithful, and a good nigger an you can't whip me. Thus he outwitted the master and saved his hide.

Billy fared well in the home of his master. His mother was cook in the home and although her husband was sold and sent away she had her children with her who were well taken care of. On the plantations the children enjoyed the simple living. Climatic conditions were much better and more favorable to negro life. Outdoors in the hot sun, almost torrid weather made out of Billy a sturdy stalwart man who could do a man's job although he was but fifteen years old. The family had good shelter and did not suffer the hardships that many had to endure. They were now big enough to work on the farm and help pick cotton and raise crops. Billy's fattening period was during the making of syrup on the plantations. "Po'k chops, cawn bread, and lasses an angel food fo a nigger," says Billy.

But the perils of the Civil War made its demand on Mr. Chamberlain. He was drafted into service defending the rights of the Confederacy. Poor "Aunt Caroline" and the children did not fare so well. Farming was neglected, crops were destroyed and stock stolen and confiscated. Towards the close of the war Mr. Chamberlain came home on a furlough to see the family, but instead of returning to defend his country and its flag, he gathered together his belongings in three large ox-wagons and began his slow migration to a country where there was peace and quiet—Mexico. President Lincoln, in the meantime had liberated the slaves thus making the conditions doubly perilous for those who lived in the South, especially the mothers and wives of those in service.

Poor "Aunt Caroline" and her three daughters were left in Mississippi when the Chamberlain family went to Mexico. Their suffering was intense. Mr. Chamberlain could not take them along as slaves. He could not furnish them with material for he had none. All was lost in the conflict. But since "Aunt Caroline" was a good cook she managed to eke out a living for herself and daughters by working for small wages in the white people's homes. The daughters soon grew old enough to marry. They became the wives of the sturdy liberated slaves who were renters on the large plantations. Thus was begun a new epoch

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"SOME LIKE IT HOT"—Sunday and Monday, a musical comedy with Bob Hope heading an all-comedy cast while the swing comes from Gene Krupa and his hep cats. Others in the cast are Shirley Ross, Una Merkel, Rufe Davis, Bernard Nedell, Frank Sully and Barnadene Hayes.

"JUAREZ"—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, a historical drama highlighting the fight to bring democracy to Mexico in 1864. Benito Juarez, of lowly Indian birth, is the protagonist of a free republic; Maximilian of Austria, a puppet emperor placed on the throne by Napoleon III of France, is the opponent. A notable cast includes Paul Muni, Bette Davis, Brian Aherne, John Garfield, Claude Rains, Joseph Calleia and David Crisp.

in their lives, instead of slaves they were now citizens of the land like their white masters. Aunt Caroline spent her last days upon this earth with her son, Billy, in Hondo.

When Mr. Chamberlain proceeded to make his way into Mexico, he took Billy with him as a servant, and promised him a regular salary. Billy was about fifteen years old and knew how to handle an ox-team. Three large wagons were loaded with household effects and twenty-four bales of cotton which Mr. Chamberlain sold immediately when he crossed the Rio Grande to German cotton buyers. He also disposed of his oxen and wagons and paid Billy the munificent wage of one dollar and told him that he was no longer in his employ. "Lawdy, Lawdy, what is I going to do here among the Mexicans," he said. "Mars Alleck, won't you let me stay with you? I've got to live." But Mars Alleck showed him only contempt and cruelty and drove him away by giving him a severe flogging with an ox-hobble. Billy left, never to hear of Mars Alleck again.

Billy had the time of his life making the Mexicans understand him. Nevertheless, he preferred the Mexican freedom to American Southern torture. He applied at a French hotel for work. The French having heard that the negro "was at home" in the kitchen, the proprietor gave him a trial. He started as dishwasher. He had learned this from his mother in the home of the Chamberlains. Nothing was too hard for him. He soon managed to understand the Mexican language and feel better in his adopted country. The city was crowded with foreigners from every country. Quite a number were the "Busch-Waechter" (bushwhacker) from Texas. Others were those of the Maximilian Army. But Billy did not know of either, till one day he heard the cannon boom and the guns fire, and the bullets rain on the house like hail, he found that Mexico too was in a severe conflict and rather than stay there he asked for his pay and began his journey to the states where he had left his mother and sisters.

His return to the states was quite an adventure. It was the time of the return of those who had sought refuge in Mexico during the Civil War. Among those were Germans, French, English, Swedes and others. All had been in Mexico long enough to learn to speak the Mexican language. They all traveled, Ishmael-like, still they had the same objective in view. Billy had enough money to buy the necessities of life, but he couldn't find the places where it could be had. He suffered from hunger and exposure, and occasionally

the aborigines gave him a chase for his life. Finally exhausted and foot-sore he landed at Castroville where he found people who looked like his master but who could not speak a word of English, still in their manners and behavior they were friendly and courteous to him.

He found work on the farm of Adam Droitcourt and later was employed by Judge George Noonan who was one of the early settlers of Castroville and who owned much land and stock in Medina County. While in the employ of Mr. Noonan his main work was to break mustangs and to ride the range. The Kickapoo Indians frequented this section of the state occasionally and while out one day looking after the horses he discovered a savage who was ready to fill him with lead. His broncho scented him too and wheeled on its hind legs and stampeded thru the brush with the Indians in full pursuit. It was a mad race for life. "No sirree," said Billy, "Never did I ride so fas' in all my bawn days." "I pass de house and landed in Mr. Haass' cowlot two miles further down befo' I could stop de ole nag." The Indians feared to follow, but stopped at the ranch house and carried away several good saddle ponies.

On his cow hunt trips he found that there were a good many freed slaves settled on the Hondo Creek about twenty miles west of Castroville. He made their acquaintance to the extent that he fell in love with Ellen Pierce, another freed slave of the Harper plantation.

"I tells you," he said, "when I found dat beautiful lady I begins to feel as if I should share life wid her." "I sho' thinks you is pretty, and I feels pow'ful in love wid you," he said. The wedding ceremonies were conducted by Captain Fred Metzger of New Fountain who was then Justice of the Peace. He bought a small place in Mission Valley, where most of the ex-slaves were settled, from Mr. White who had been one of the Henry Castro colonists. Here they settled down to share life for weal or woe. They have raised a family of nine children. Their youngest son is living with them and takes care of the old couple.

ONWARD AND UPWARD!

Never mind what has been. Remember, that every morning begins a new day—a day for fresh endeavor, a day that may, and should be, filled with hope and gladness.

Don't add to your blunders by condemning yourself too harshly for your errors and shortcomings. Better folks than you have made worse mistakes and bigger failures.

Forgive yourself as fully and freely as you would forgive another, and go cheerily on, leaving the shadows of regret behind.—Anon.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

The wireless operator on a small vessel was allowed to take the wheel for a short spell. His first attempt was a poor show, and the course steered was very erratic as shown by the wake of the vessel.

Just as a rather bad zigzag was made, the captain arrived on the bridge, scowled, and remarked:

"Here, my lad, I don't mind your writing your name on the face of the ocean, but don't trouble to go back to dot the i."

REMEMBER!

Hubby: "Those roosters next door awakened me early again this morning."

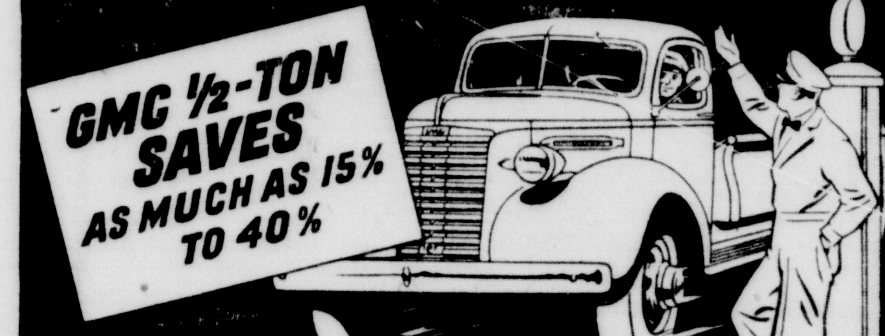
Wifey: "Yes, but remember when you got up early one morning, you crowed about it for a week."—Mont-real Star.

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Jack Fohn, Jr., is temporarily employed as bookkeeper at the McElroy Motor Company, filling the position made vacant by the death of the late Mr. Crosby.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bradshaw of La Porte, Texas, and Mrs. Joe Moth and daughter, of Houston, were here Sunday, August 20th, to attend the silver anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saathoff. Mr. and Mrs. Bradshaw are uncle and aunt of Mrs. Saathoff and Mrs. Moth is her first cousin.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wells of Lytle and Mrs. Wm. McDonald and daughter, Martha and son, Louis, of Atascosa, were here Sunday attending the silver wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Saathoff.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rothe and Mrs. Lee Schuchart, returning to San Antonio from a visit with their mother, Mrs. Mary Rothe, at Seco, stopped over here for a short visit with Miss Laurinda Rothe Wednesday.

Friends of Miss Laurinda Rothe, daughter of Judge Rothe, will be pleased to learn that she had recovered sufficiently from her recent operation to be moved to the home of her cousin, Mrs. O. H. Miller, on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Schneider and son, Mr. and Mrs. Al Lopez, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weyand and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Schumann, all of San Antonio, were here Sunday for the Robert Saathoffs' silver wedding celebration.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Saathoff celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 20, 1939, with about one hundred relatives and friends present. At 12 o'clock noon, delicious barbecued mutton with barbecue gravy, pickles, salads, cake, pie coffee and ice tea were served which every one enjoyed very much. At about 5 P. M. again cake, pie, coffee and ice tea were served.

Besides many beautiful and useful presents received by Mr. and Mrs. Saathoff, there were two beautiful and delicious wedding cakes, one presented by their niece, Mrs. Milton Schneider, from San Antonio, and one by their cousin, Mrs. Ed Wells, from Lytle.

The day was spent in playing games and conversation. At about 6:30 P. M. all the guests departed for their homes, wishing that Mr. and Mrs. Saathoff may live to celebrate their golden wedding 25 years hence.

Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. Paul Czerkus, Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Britsch and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Britsch, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Britsch, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Britsch and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Britsch and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Britsch and family, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Britsch, Mr. Willie Britsch and family, Gus Britsch and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Bradshaw, Mrs. Joe Moth and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Mumme, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Mumme and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mumme and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Schumann, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Heyen, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Schneider and son, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tampeke, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tampeke and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weyand and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weyand, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Al Lopez, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Saathoff, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bohmfalk and son, Mrs. Earnest Goff and family, Mrs. Joe Britsch, Mrs. Anna Saathoff, Mrs. Wm. McDonald, Mrs. Emma Eichholtz, Miss Ella Britsch, Miss Martha McDonald, Mr. Louis Britsch, Mr. Wm. Tampeke, Mr. Earnest Saathoff, Mr. Louis McDonald, Mr. Hugo Mumme, Mr. Robt. Brucks and R. D. Miller, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Saathoff and son, Chester.

BARBECUE STAND TO OPEN.

On next Thursday, August 31st, I will open a Barbecue and Tamale Stand in rear of Blue Bonnet Tailor Shop. Barbecue on Wednesdays and Saturdays; tamales on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Will sell at barbecue pit. On Saturdays will deliver on College Square also.
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"PERSONAL APPEARANCE".

As this is written Wednesday morning, the architect of this column should be enjoying the sweet relief of forgetfulness of the toil and moil of newspaper work in a visit to relatives in Memphis, Tennessee. . . . Meanwhile, her "pinch-hitter"—who knows about as much about columnizing as he knows little about baseball—is learning things. He is learning that it is much easier to be the M. E. and DIRECT things than DO them himself in a pinch. . . . You see, he has already "fanned out" and the column isn't started! . . . There may be consolation, however, in whatever disappointment comes to the "fans" of this column by her absence for a week. . . . Which reminds: A traveler in an area of the New Deal's so-called marginal lands—that shall remain for the present without a location or a name—noting the scarcity of other provender save black-eyed peas, asked a native: "How do you people live?" "Oh, we eat black-eyed peas," was his rejoinder. "My goodness!" exclaimed the tourist, "don't you get awfully tired of three meals a day of black-eyed peas?" "W-a-l-l, y-a-s-s," drawled the native, "sometimes we do, but then we skip a meal and they taste purty good agen'!" . . . So with the hope that the fans of this column may find a similar "relief" while the columnist enjoys a well earned relaxation from her weekly grind, we pass up the whole matter to the generosity and charity of the fans. . . . And if the "pinch-hitter" escapes the dog-house for likening the little editor's weekly dish of mental pabulum to black-eyed peas the M. E. will be happy. . . . black-eyed peas are HIS favorite vegetable! . . . And—oh, yes! Now is the time to subscribe for this paper!

ENJOY FAMILY REUNION.

Members of the Nester family and friends from far and near assembled on the Eugene Huesser ranch last Sunday, August 20, 1939, in a family reunion. The event was sponsored by Miss Hulda Nester who provided a barbecue feast for the occasion. After the assembled visitors had partaken of the delicious noonday meal, the afternoon was enjoyed by all in renewing acquaintance with each other, while some spent the time swimming in the large tank and others enjoyed playing cards.

The event was a most enjoyable affair and many expressions of appreciation were extended Miss Hulda for making the occasion possible.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nester and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Nester and daughter, Jo Nell, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Koch and children, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Koch and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schmidt and family, all of D'Hanis; Mrs. Alvina Koch, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wolff and son, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Koch and children, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Koch, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nester and sons, Misses Caroline Nester, Marjorie and Doris Nester, Mildred Wolff and Eva Earnest, and Messrs. Raymond Dittlinger and Winford Hill, all of San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. John Heisser of Castoville; Mrs. Hans Schmidt and children and Miss Pauline Schmidt, all of Kerrville; Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Nester of Sabin; Mr. Ivan Nester of Llano; and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Huesser and family of Hondo.

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Joe Haegelin and his friend, Tom Kendall, of George West, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Haegelin. Joe left Tuesday for his new station at Groveton, Texas.

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Mrs. F. J. Leinweber Jr. and little daughter, Dorothy, returned Sunday from a several weeks' visit in Chicago, Illinois, with her father, Mr. H. Shoor, and her sister, Miss Libby Shoor.

Mr. and Mrs. V. P. King visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lamb, and little son, Ross King Lamb, at Junction last week. They also attended the rodeo held there.

Mrs. Don Windrow of San Antonio spent several days with her mother, Mrs. Lena Sauter, and her sister, Mrs. Walter Bendele. She was joined by Mr. Windrow of Uvalde for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fly celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary, Tuesday, August 22, with an outing at New Braunfels. All the children and grandchildren, other relatives and friends joined together in honoring the jubilarians and enjoying the happy event.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Huberts left Wednesday morning for Chicago, Ill., accompanied by Mrs. Charles Brucks and little daughter, Beverly, who had been guests in the L. J. Brucks home for the past several weeks. Master Charles Brucks, Jr., remained in Hondo to spend the winter with his grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Huberts will also visit Mrs. Huberts' eldest brother, Louis Brucks, and wife while so-journing in the Windy City.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Brucks, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bader of LaCoste attended the graduating exercises of the South West Texas Teachers College in San Marcos Wednesday evening, at which time their daughter, Miss Jo Brucks, received her B. A. degree, majoring in English. Others, in whom local people are interested, who received degrees, were Mrs. Doyle Cockrell, who obtained her M. A. and Scotty Cockrell and Miss Honor Duderstadt each a B. A. degree.

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Miss Corinne Reynolds of San Antonio visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Reynolds, last week-end.

Miss Luella Karm, registered nurse of Castoville, left Saturday after helping out at the Medina Hospital here.

NEW SUPPLY GARDEN AND FLOWER SEEDS FOR FALL PLANTING. BRUCKS FEED STORE.

Mr. Alex Jungman and daughter, Miss Lillian, and son, Bernard, were here from LaCoste Saturday on business.

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Clinton Wurzbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Wurzbach, who has been with the National Guard the past two weeks at Camp Hulen, Palacios, returned home Saturday.

H. E. HAASS, Attorney-at-Law, Surveyor's Office, Courthouse, Hondo, Texas. All legal matters carefully attended to, in all courts of Texas. Manager Medina County Abstract Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson left Wednesday for their home in El Centro, California, after a two weeks' visit with J. N. Word and family. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Miss Allie Word motored over to Austin Monday and returned Tuesday.

Mrs. Arthur Schulte and son, William Ray; Mrs. Alfred Saathoff and daughter, Willie Jean; and Mrs. Herman Gerdes and daughter, Margie Lou, were callers at this office Wednesday and were interested observers of the way a newspaper is made.

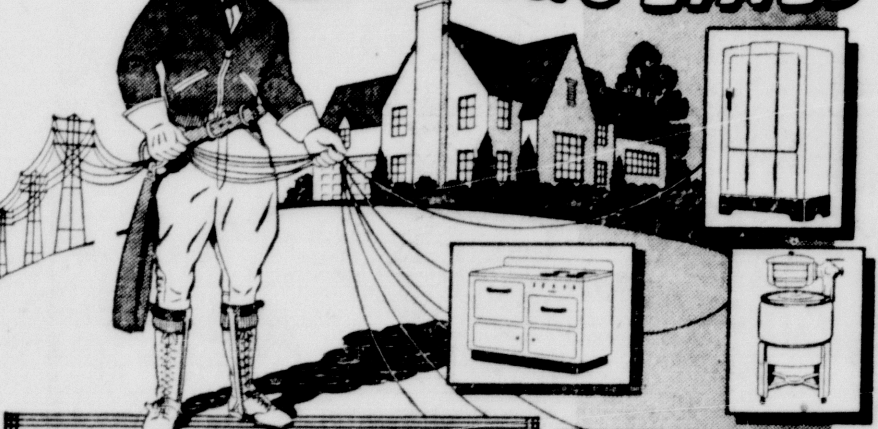
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Armin Bendele was a business caller
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Joe L. Haby was a business caller
at this office Thursday and moved
his date ahead to '40.

Mrs. Adolph Haegelin and her
mother, Mrs. Ben Riff, were
appreciated callers at this office
yesterday.

J. C. Guenther and Frank Neu-
mann, two of our Devine subscribers,
were appreciated callers at this office
yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Heins Rothe and Mrs.
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Mr. and Mrs. John Earl Barden ar-
rived yesterday from Austin where
Mr. Barden has been attending sum-
mer school. They will leave today for
Harris County where Mr. Barden will
teach near Houston during the com-
ing session. While here they are
guests of Mrs. Barden's parents, Mr.
and Mrs. T. C. Barnes.

Judge and Mrs. H. E. Haass re-
turned Tuesday from a month's trip
to the Golden West during which
time they visited the Grand Canyon,
the San Francisco World's Fair and
numerous other interesting places
and scenes. They also spent a while
with their daughter and son-in-law,
Mr. and Mrs. Knorr in their home.
They report a most enjoyable time.

One of the largest fossilized snail
shells ever discovered in this section
is on display at County Treasurer Q.
J. Bader's office in the courthouse.
It was found imbedded in a soft lime-
stone formation by road-workers
who were cutting down the projec-
tion of a hill to widen the road bed
on the Louis Schlentz place about
eight or nine miles north of Hondo.
There is a possibility that valuable
fossil remains might be found by
digging further into the hillside.

HONDC SPILLS FAT 'N' FORTY.

Going to Hondo Sunday expect-
ing an easy victory in preparation
for their game next Friday night
with the Stowers Furniture nine, the
Straus-Frank "Fat and Forty" club
ran into a snag when the Redbirds,
exhibiting a real ball club, came to
life in the seventh innings to annex
a victory, 5 to 2. J. Hartung, big
right-hander, had the old-timers eat-
ing out of his paw most of the way
allowing but four hits, one a home
run by Risinger which tied up the
game.

Zerr, however, came through with
a homer in the seventh with a mar-
on to cinch the game for Hondo.
The Sunday score:
Straus-Frank.

	AB.	H.	O.	A.
Hun's lf	4	1	1	0
Holder, 3b	3	0	2	4
Dresh, ss	3	0	3	5
Philips, 1b	4	0	10	0
Conrad, cf	2	0	2	0
Risinger, 2b	4	2	2	4
Heye, rf	2	0	0	0
M. D'n, rf	1	0	1	0
Butler, c	3	0	3	1
Dwyer, p	1	0	0	2
xStewart,	1	1	0	0
Cornwall, p	0	0	0	0

Totals	28	4	24	16
Hondo.	AB.	H.	O.	A.

J. Rothe, ss	5	1	3	3
R. Rothe, 2b	5	1	3	5
Sadler, 3b	4	2	2	4
Hollmig, 1b	4	2	14	2
Zerr lf	3	1	1	0
Jennings, rf	4	1	0	1
E. Finger, cf	4	3	0	0
Vaughn, c	3	2	4	2
J. Hartung, p	4	0	0	2

Totals 36 13 27 19
xBatted for Dwyer in eighth.
Straus-Frank 000 100 001—2
Hondo 010 000 31x—5
Errors, Holder, Dresh 2, Zerr;
two-base hits, Jennings; J. Rothe,
Sadler; home runs, Risinger, Zerr;
sacrifice hit, Heye; double plays, B.
Rothe to Hollmig, Holder to Risinger
to Philips; pitching record, off
Dwyer 11 hits 4 runs in 7 innings;
off Cornwall 2 hits 1 run in 1 inning;
off Hartung, 4 hits 2 runs in 9
innings; base on balls off Dwyer 2,
off Hartung 3, struck out by Dwyer
1, by Cornwall 2, by Hartung 5; wild
pitches, Dwyer, Cornwall; passed
ball, Butler; hit by pitched
ball by Hartung 2; winning pitcher,
Hartung; losing pitcher, Dwyer; left
on bases, Straus-Frank 5, Hondo 9.
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our heartfelt thanks to our neigh-
bors and friends for their many acts
of kindness to us and expressions of
sympathy in our sorrow and loss of
our darling son and brother, Arthur,
Jr. We wish especially to thank Rev.
Weeber for the beautiful and con-
soling funeral services, and mem-
bers of the Lutheran choir for their
assistance at the service. We especial-
ly appreciate the many beautiful
floral offerings.

Gratefully yours,
MR. and MRS. ARTHUR SCHULTE
and WILLIAM RAY SCHULTE.

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We wish to express our sincere
thanks to each and every one who
assisted by a kind favor or gave a
helping hand in some way or form.
Also the dear friends who remem-
bered us in their prayers, their kind
visits, cards of sympathy and letters
in our very sad bereavement of
husband and father.

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Mrs. T. J. Sauter is in receipt of
an announcement of the marriage
on July 14, 1939, of her son, Harold
Jacob Sauter, to Miss Katherine
Wanda Tull at Ukiah, California.

A letter accompanying the an-
nouncement gives an interesting ac-
count of their honeymoon trip
through northern California and on
up into Oregon, visiting many points
of interest.

On their return to Ukiah the young

couple set up housekeeping and on
their first evening away from home
burglars robbed their new home of
nearly all their clothing and other
valuables, but despite this misfortune
they are happy and facing the future
with confidence.

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paper in extending congratulations
on winning one of California's fair
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people a long life of connubial hap-
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5.00-19	7.90	3.95	11.85	3.95
4.50-20	9.50	4.75	14.25	4.75
5.00-20	9.50	4.75	14.25	4.75
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5.50-17	13.35	6.68	20.03	6.67
5.25-18	15.95	7.98	23.93	7.97
6.00-16	16.50	8.25	24.75	8.25
6.00-17	17.15	8.58	25.73	8.57
6.25-16	17.95	8.98	26.93	8.97
6.50-16	19.35	9.68	29.03	9.67
7.00-15	21.35	10.68	32.03	10.67
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5.00-19					4.50-21				
5.25-17	13.20	6.60	19.80	6.60	4.75-19	8.60	4.30	12.90	4.30
5.50-17					5.00-19				
5.25-18	12.00	6.00	18.00	6.00	5.25-17	11.00	5.50	16.50	5.50
5.50-18					5.50-17				
6.00-16	14.35	7.18	21.53	7.17	5.25-18	10.00	5.00	15.00	5.00
5.25-16					5.50-18				
5.50-16	17.40	8.70	26.10	8.70	6.00-16	11.95	5.98	17.93	5.97

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ABOUT THE ORCHARD

This is one time I missed my prediction and missed it badly. Last fall I wrote there would be very few worms in the fruit this year. As a matter of fact, I have never on this earth seen as many worms in the fruit. The curculio had nothing to subsist on last season unless he lived on oak balls. But there must have been a few got by and they have reproduced in a hurry. And one peculiar thing is that they bothered the plums very little. If there is a nectarine on a tree it will always be full of curculio. Heretofore the honey peach has been full of curculio; in fact, they all seemed to gather in the two fruits. This time it was hard to find a honey peach with a worm in it. Why do the insects change their style in this way. Is it some element in the fruit that makes them do this? If it is why not breed fruit that is insect proof. This time absolutely only three have been free from curculio. The Early Rose seems to be curculio proof. But I can not figure out why they did not get in Honey and the nectarines.

—ATO—

But I also have another just as hard proposition. I put out several hundred crape myrtle and other cuttings on land that seems to be exactly the same all over. One end of the rows rooted good, the other end failed. I am wondering why this happened.

—ATO—

And I have another puzzle. The beauty peach ripened a month late this year. Some of the trees were two weeks later than the others. The Early Rose all ripened at the same time but they over-bore so badly notwithstanding all my thinning.

—ATO—

I often say I will never again plant a peach tree where an apple tree will do well and I won't. Thousands of people think apples will not do in Texas. And there are hundreds of kinds of apples that do not do well. In fact, I have only found a few that do well. The Smokehouse is just about at the head of the list. The Smokehouse originated at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, nearly a hundred years ago. But it has managed to exist through all these years and it deserves to. I also have King David or Holland, Lockhart, Yellow Transparent, Wealthy, and I have an apple that failed at Clyde a few years ago called the Coopers Early. It is a big beautiful apple and the trees bend over with apples. They said it had bitter rot at Clyde so badly it could not be raised. It has had bitter rot for me but is getting much better of that. I will work most of my Golden Delicious trees over to King David. The Golden Delicious fails on my land but on some land it is fine. And there we are again. If I had tried only the Golden Delicious apple I would likely have said apples will not do well in this country. But the Golden Delicious is doing well in many places in Texas. You can't tell. Some men will like one place and some another. The same holds good with fruit. The first apples we tried here was the old Ben Davis, a complete failure. I have often wished I had gotten the Smokehouse and King David back then.

—ATO—

Things like this not only apply to fruits but they really apply to people. There was a man at my place not so long ago who said he had been eating rice three times a day for the last thirty-five years and he had not had a sick day. Before that he had stomach trouble. He looked ten years younger than he said he was and acted twenty years younger. Another man who heard him talking said he wondered if we would all go on a diet that suited us in that way we would live longer and have better health. I certainly believe we would.

—ATO—

Referring again to the Curculio in fruit, it seems they can build up in a hurry when they start. Today I was

looking at several of them and they looked like they had been sent for and couldn't go as the saying is. In fact, they were sick. And there it is again. If nothing prevented them it would be impossible to ever raise any fruit. It looks like when they are real scarce it is a sign they may suddenly get numerous. Other creatures are that way. They all die until only a few very hardy ones are left. The parasite that lives on them also becomes less numerous. Then the hardy curculio all of a sudden begin to multiply and in a few weeks the country is alive with them. But soon the parasite begins to increase in numbers and in a few weeks catch up with the bugs.

—ATO—

Even weeds are somewhat of this nature. This season I have had a regular outbreak of all kinds of weeds. Johnson grass has grown faster than ever before. I have even found some of the old time Jimson on my place. Fifty years ago we had to fight this weed out of the fields. I had not seen one of them in ten years. It must have been that some of the seed were buried deep in the ground and we plowed them up.

—ATO—

All nature is this way. Some times we hear of a patent medicine that has cured some one. Now patent medicines are made so as to not hurt any one and if you take it long enough you will either die or get well regardless of the medicine. But we are inclined to give the medicine credit for curing us.

—ATO—

For many years the Harrison fig has been the best one on my place. This year this fig is not getting over so well but the Brown Turkey is loaded with figs. They say that here on the farm the variety of fruit that is ripe is my best one. And that is so to a great extent. I always reserve the right to change my opinion. There is one peach, however, that no one seems to change his opinion about. This is the Elberta. It seems to go on forever. The old original Elberta is still our best peach and the best one for market. You can go from here to Canada and you will always hear the Elberta mentioned among fruit men. And it is not altogether advertising that has made the Elberta famous; it is merit. There is nothing better than a nice ripe Elberta peach. Likely W. H. Smith of DeLeon would not agree with me just at this time. He has sold J. H. Hale this year at as high as five dollars per bushel. But Mr. Smith is a real expert peach man. He even picks up every faulty peach and destroys it. In that way, he gets rid of millions of worms and spores of all kind. Mr. Smith keeps several stands of bees scattered over his or-

chard. He is one of the most enthusiastic orchard men I ever saw in my life and it takes enthusiasm to make any thing go. At the same time, Mr. Smith has sold Elbertas for a good price notwithstanding peaches have been rather cheap around DeLeon this year. But such Elbertas. If there is such a thing as a perfect peach Mr. Smith certainly has them.

—ATO—

I want to also tell of another fine orchard I have recently visited. It is an orchard owned by Mr. J. W. Todd of Grand Prairie, Texas. Mr. Todd is another enthusiastic orchard man. He is an expert fruit grower; has been a school teacher but resigned a high position to raise peaches. Mr. Todd has a peculiar strain of Elberta peach he got from a Northern nursery. It is twenty per cent larger than the regular Elberta and of very high color. Fine bearer. It will prove a little soft for shipment and will likely have to be gathered greener than the regular Elberta. This strain of Elberta gets ripe just a few days before the regular Elberta. I predict for it a very great future. Mr. Todd's next hobby with fruits seems to be the Bruce plum.

He has hundreds of the trees. He is near the Dalls market and under his expert management the Bruce grows very large and sells at the highest price on the Dallas market. It seems, however, that Mr. Todd's favorite fruit is the Beauty peach. He says it is exactly the right size and of course it overbears, like the Early Rose, and has to be thinned. Mr. Todd can afford to thin all his fruit and even thins his plums. He has a million customers in easy reach and some of them ready to pay real money for good fruit.

—ATO—

And now this brings me down to something else; or if you do not agree with me on this tooth proposition, it cannot be helped. No man realizes how important his teeth are until he has lost them. Today I was talking to a doctor who had lost his teeth. He says he prefers to advise people rather than have their teeth pulled go ahead and die. I was just reading a tooth paste advertisement telling people to keep their teeth bright and shiny. Let's see if you were to catch a fish you might polish him up and make that fish shine more. Also that would be a dead fish after you got through shining him up. Polish the outside bark off a tree and it will die. I notice some of the tooth paste men say their paste contains iridium, a sister mineral to arsenic. You can put junk on your teeth that will actually slake them like slaking lime. I merely write this to start someone thinking who would not like to lose his teeth.

—J. E. FITZGERALD.

PRACTICAL PECAN POINTERS

Arlington, Texas,
May 5, 1939.

Dear Mr. Burkett:

(1) Better late than never. Anyway I think I can give you a better answer now to letter of January 1 than I could have at the time it was received.

(2) Your letter is very, very interesting, and even though it represents some opinions not altogether the same as mine, this fact does not lessen my appreciation for the letter, or my regard for you. After all, life would be rather dull if everybody agreed with us, wouldn't it?

(3) At this time I should like very much to know how the root treated trees are showing up that you set a year ago. Some of the trees that I have observed near here are outgrowing any second year transplant-

ed trees that I ever saw in my life, and of course, we ascribe it to the root treatment. Some of us who have studied the question have thought all the way along that the root treatment would really begin to show up the second year, and if you have had an opportunity to observe those that you set, especially those set for Judge Wright, at Cisco, I will appreciate a letter from you very much.

(5) With reference to your paragraph dealing with the slogan, "Good Blood at Both Ends of the Tree", will say that I agree with you in that the root system of a nursery pecan tree is determined almost wholly by the soil conditions in which it is produced.

(6) You, yourself however, in your planting seed experiment started sev-

eral years ago, demonstrated beyond all question that there is a difference between seedlings from seed from different sources. This difference conclusively demonstrated the fact that seed from some trees produce seedlings superior to those produced from other trees. If that be true, then if we can select the superior seedlings to be used for rootstock, is it not true that we can expect "Good Blood at Both Ends"?

(7) It is possible that your comparative planting of 12 Walter Fair lateral rooted trees with 12 you had grown in Florida, and 24 of your own home grown trees, included some factors other than the mere physical shape of the root systems. It has been my opinion that the small fibrous lateral roots are not of a great deal of value, and that it is the more substantial ones that carry a tree through.

(8) The rootstock that we have been using have demonstrated a decided superiority in plantings of perhaps a thousand or more different seed. You are correct, however, in that it may have some equals and may even have superiors. We are constantly on the outlook for better seed stock and add new tests each year in an attempt to discover it. If anyone can demonstrate in an actual planting a superior seed, we would certainly like to see it done, as it will be a move in the proper selection.

(9) Again let me thank you for your letter. I want to say that I have appreciated your friendship very much during the years that we have been in pecan work together.

Yours very cordially,
O. S. GRAY.

Clyde, Texas, June 25, 1939.

Dear Oscar:

I have been so swamped with trying to gain a self-supporting livelihood ever since the April freezes of 1938, coupled with the June 10th tornado the same season, that I have not had time to answer your letter of May 5th until now. I have taken the liberty of handing your letter and my reply to Fletcher's Farming, numbering the paragraphs by numbers in order to save space and, also, to try and enlarge on the subject matter of each specifically.

(1) I had in mind at the time I wrote you that you are now reaching the reflective stage of your career, which I have long since passed; and that, as you are striving to add to your fund of knowledge concerning horticulture, especially with pecans, I decided I would possibly be able to drop you a few thoughts that would cause you to reflect, which is confirmed by you in paragraph (2), when you state that our opinions differ—and I might add, that every individual is entitled to his own pet opinions. But harm comes when these differences result in "bitterness of controversy", so I agree with you in paragraph (2).

(3) I must confess that I have not yet had the privilege of visiting Judge Wright and checking up on the behavior of his trees this year. However, I did make observations there last summer, and was very favorably impressed with the appearance of his trees, although I was of the opinion then that he had to depend on inexperienced caretakers, and, too, that he seemed not to realize that his new set yard trees were compelled to compete with nearby Post Oak and other trees which were there, ready to appropriate plant food elements in the soil along with his watering which was given to his pecan trees. His ground also was occupied by Bermuda, as a lawn grass. Every one of his pecan trees developed foliage and, if they received proper care, I am sure they became permanently established. In this paragraph you arouse my curiosity when you say that those of you who have sponsored this "root treatment" not becoming evident until the second year. And I had been lead to believe that it was confidently believed that (Continued on next page).

CONTRIBUTIONS of a helpful, encouraging nature from practical women solicited for this department. Send your articles direct to Anne Davis, Editor, Hondo, Texas, but send your poetry to the Managing Editor.



Hints for the Household

ANNE DAVIS, Editor—Hondo, Texas



WE GIVE one poetry prize—a three-year extension to the poet whose subscription is not in arrears and whose verses appear on this page. Claim your prize by mailing us your address torn from wrapper of paper.

RELICS.

Impatiently my son looked on today
As I reviewed keepsakes from days
long dead.

"Why clutter up the house with
them?", he said,
"Such things are only junk; throw
them away."

Of course he did not understand that
they

Had played a part through happy
years that sped

Too fast. I smiled at him and shook
my head.

Their worth to me no man could ever
pay.

Time-worn rockers with memories
that cling

Of baby fingers clasping mine in
sleep.

Each cherished gift now vivid pic-
tures bring

Of childish smiles and gestures I
would keep.

Ah no! With these keepsakes I could
not part—

They glow with memories that warm
my heart.

—MARY GOSSETT SMITH.

H H

Anyone who ever started a mem-
ory book back in the 'teen age or
cherishes a picture, a letter, a me-
mento of the past, will find a kindred
feeling in Mary Gossett Smith's
poem "Relics" at the top of this col-
umn. The poem is awarded place of
honor for August.

H H

The month of August is the last
call for picnics. School time and,
in some sections, approaching fall
all too soon bring these happy, in-
formal occasions to an end. So our
advice is to hurry to the countryside
or employ your own backyard and
spread your "feast" while you may.
"Summer Time is Picnic Time" gives
our readers some pointers. If you
have never had a picnic—a sad
state of affairs—August is the right
time to treat yourself, your family
and your friends.

H H

Timely precautions against
food contamination in hot weather
are presented here by Dr. Geo. W.
Cox, Texas State Health Officer.
The rules are simple enough and
should, if you have the health of
your family at heart, be a part of
your routine homemaking duties
the year round.

H H

As individuals differ so do their
tastes and preferences, and while we
all have favorite recipes they too
vary in some degree, perhaps in the
amount of seasoning or whether hot
or cold. Two of our contributors
agree, however, in that their favorite
recipes are of English origin. And
yet they differ. Mrs. Gertrude T.
Heinen's choice is English pickles,
while Ellie Wilcox Burt prefers Eng-
lish tea wafers—one the tart, the
other the sweet. The ladies, by the
way, are the width of the nation
apart, Mrs. Burt residing in Washing-
ton and Mrs. Heinen's home in New
York. Readers of FARMING will be
sure to agree that both recipes are
delicious.

H H

Anyone wishing to see her fav-
orite recipe in print, shared with oth-

ers who will appreciate her culinary
masterpiece, and who has a hint on
homemaking that will make another's
tasks lighter, will find a welcome in
these columns. Send all correspon-
dence to the Editor of the House-
hold Department, Fletcher's Farm-
ing, Hondo, Texas.

H H

Milk may be just what the doctor
ordered for your growing children—
or for yourself—but the real prob-
lem lies in finding new ways of
serving it to tempt jaded appetites
or overcome stubborn opposition of
non-milk drinkers. Ruth J. Cooper,
home economics consultant for the
Feeder-Breeder Association, follows
up last month's article on milk with
a splendid suggestion for changing
the monotony for those who drink
milk and for luring the pronounced
non-drinker to take on and really
enjoy a valuable habit in "Milk is
Food—Not a Beverage". We agree
milk is a food, and we also point out
that the milk shakes and egg nogs
in Miss Cooper's articles are mighty
good "beverages".

SUMMER TIME IS PICNIC TIME

The summer season offers many
opportunities for pleasing forms of
entertainment, but it is the "al
fresco" or out-of-doors party that
receives unanimous approval of both
young and old. Whether the picnic
ground is your own backyard or a
river bank, informality, cool comfort,
and a full picnic basket are welcome
changes from routine ways and en-
vironment, especially in the sizzling
month of August. And with school
time ahead, that leaves only a fleet-
ing month for that popular American
pastime.

If the picnic is a noon-time meal
or an "event" for the children, in
either instance let them make all the
plans and necessary arrangements.
No matter what simple fare is
provided, an opportunity to experi-
ment and "have their hands in it"
will make plain bacon and eggs an
extra special dish—and a welcome
relief from hot weather cooking
for mother.

The picnic is an ideal medium for

entertaining guests, and an occasion
that the hostess can enjoy as well
without fuss and flurry. The cooler
portions of the day are best for this
manner of entertainment. Late
afternoon or early evening have long
been the favored time, but the morn-
ing breakfast served out of doors is
growing rapidly in popularity. Again
simplicity and originality are the
keynote, and may be achieved as suc-
cessfully with guests as with your
family by letting them "help them-
selves"—with, however, what you have
seen to and provided. Don't forget
fresh fruit, jam and jelly, cold meat
loaf, cream cheese, refreshing salads,
and cookies for the sweet toothed.
Coffee made over a camp fire has a
delicious aroma and a better taste.
Party picnics should be planned
ahead so that very little last minute
preparation is required. Good food
and lots of it are necessary to satis-
fy big appetites whetted by cool out-
doors, and joyous informality. The
guests will practically entertain
themselves and nothing else is left to
be desired.

H H

AVOID CONTAMINATED FOOD.

"It is a matter of vital importance,
particularly during the warm sum-
mer season, that sanitary measures
be applied to prevent the contamina-
tion of perishable foods", states Dr.
Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer.
Various intestinal disorders result
from food which has in some way
been rendered unwholesome. Sum-
mer diarrhoea or "summer com-
plaint", affecting young and old, is
a serious type of stomach and bowel
condition. So called "ptomaine pois-
oning", in nearly all cases, is none
other than a food infection due to
the presence in food of harmful bac-
teria or germs.

"Perishable food, if contaminated,
endangers human health. This haz-
ard is greater in warm weather, be-
cause germs or their products mul-
tiply or develop more rapidly at high
temperature. Some of the most val-
uable foods are of perishable nature.
Such foods demand the exercise of
safeguards. Among well known pre-
cautions, which need to be used if
perishable foods are kept wholesome,
are the following:

1. Some form of modern refriger-
ation or cooling is necessary to pre-
serve food from day to day. Lack of
an effective cooling process causes
meat to spoil and milk to contain a
dangerously large number of bac-
teria.

2. Resort to thorough cooking or
boiling is the simplest and yet most
useful method of preventing illness
of food-borne character. This pre-
caution applies especially to food
prepared for infants and children.

3. Contamination of perishable
food is avoided through the constant
exercise of cleanliness on the part of
those who handle food.

4. Pastries and other food pro-
ducts make a far greater appeal to
the consumer or patron if there is an
entire absence of flies. Adequate
provision for screens and application
of every known means of fly and in-
sect extermination are worthwhile."

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FAVORITE RECIPES.

English Pickles.

(Delicious, and easy to prepare, and
keep indefinitely.)

Pick fresh, small cucumbers each
day while they are in season, wash
(Continued on next page.)



A LEAF—

FROM . . .

Your Favorite Recipe Book

FRIED BEEF HEART

Sliced heart
Salt

Pepper
Flour

Slice heart in strips, salt and pepper. Dip in flour and fry in hot lard till
tender and brown. This takes the place of steak.

—MRS. J. D. SCHWEERS

FRIED SWEET BREAD

Sweet bread
Salt
Pepper

Cornmeal
White sauce

Wash sweet bread well in cold water. Slice thin, salt and pepper to taste.
Roll in cornmeal and fry in deep hot shortening till brown and done.
Then serve with white sauce or as fried fish with salad.

—MRS. J. D. SCHWEERS

GEORGIA SAUSAGE

4 sweet potatoes
1 lb. pork sausage, link or
cake
4 apples, sliced

1/4 cup brown sugar
4 T. sausage or bacon fat
1/4 cup hot water
1 T. Worcestershire sauce

Boil the sweet potatoes in their skins. Peel and cut into strips, length-
wise. Line the bottom of a greased baking dish with the potato. Brown the
sausage on both sides in a frying pan, place over potatoes and cover with
the sliced apples. Sprinkle the brown sugar over the apples. Mix four T.
sausage fat with the hot water and Worcestershire sauce, pour over all
and set the dish in a moderate oven (350°-400° F). Bake for 40 minutes,
or until the apples are cooked. Keep covered until last 10 minutes. Serves
4 to 6.

—MRS. L. F. GRUBE

MOCK SAUSAGE

Dry bread
Chopped meat
Sage

1 raw egg, or more
Cornmeal
Pepper

Soak dry bread in cold water until soft. Press until the water is all
strained off. Take as much cold chopped meat as you have bread. Mix and
season with salt, pepper and sage. Add one or more raw eggs to bind it
together. Form into small round cakes. Roll in cornmeal and fry. Better
results are obtained by making the sausage and letting it stand over night
r several hours before frying.

—MRS. SAM TSCHIRHART

SCRAMBLED SAUSAGE

To one pound of sausage use five eggs; have the pan hot and greased,
break the sausage into this in small bits; keep turning until done. Turn in
the five beaten eggs and scramble until done. —MRS. W. J. STEVENS

LA COSTE LEDGERTTES.

From The LaCoste Ledger

Anna Mae Rihn from Castroville is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hutzler here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Zuercher and son, John Floyd, and Mr. and Mrs. George Zuercher were among the guests attending a dinner at the home of Miss Emma Graff at Hondo Sunday.

Messrs. J. J. Jagge and Harry Hans from Castroville were in LaCoste on business Monday.

Oscar Biediger from Spindletop was a visitor here last Friday.

J. F. Schott from Castroville was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Miss Fabiola Mechler of San Antonio is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Miss Doris Rihn spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich B. Kempf and children at Castroville.

Mrs. Bernard Rihn and children from Spindletop visited here last Friday.

A. H. Biediger of San Antonio was the guest of homefolks here Tuesday.

Alex Jungman, Jr., and Mr. Langford from San Antonio spent Saturday here fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Graff and children visited here Wednesday evening.

A. R. Schott of Castroville was a business visitor here last Friday.

Julius Mechler from Dunlay visited Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Zuercher here last Friday.

Mrs. Julius Mueller and children from Castroville were short visitors here Monday evening.

Walter Jungman of San Antonio spent the past week-end with his mother, Mrs. Paul Jungman, here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Biediger and sons spent the week-end vacationing on the Gulf Coast, returning home Monday.

Bernard Jungman resumed his studies at Draughon's Business College in San Antonio. He drives to the Alamo City daily from here.

Hazel Jungman and Junior Kunze also from here attend the same college.

Edwin Bohl, Sr., and son, Edwin, Jr., from Devine visited with Alex Jungman and family here Thursday.

Mrs. Alex Jungman and son, Bernard, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jungman and baby in San Antonio Thursday.

Mrs. Theresa Mechler from Castroville is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. F. Christilles and family here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jungman, Sr., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bohl and children below Devine Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Keller and sons attended the Mission Ball Game in San Antonio Tuesday night.

Mrs. Walter Geiger and babies, Mrs. Theo Trip and daughter and E. J. Trip from Macdonia were LaCoste visitors Wednesday.

Miss Lillian Jungman is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jungman, Jr., and baby in San Antonio.

Miss Inez Rihn from Castroville spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hutzler and daughter here.

Frank Miksch, Jr., from Ashton is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Alex Jungman, Sr., and family here Monday and Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Christilles and children and Mrs. A. W. Noble spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Riehl and Mrs. Sophie Haas in San Antonio.

Misses Jo Santleben and Georgia Mae Muenkink, Tondra Jack Wertette and Tommie Muenkink of Castroville visited friends here last Thursday evening.

Mary Ann, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Ahr was taken to the Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio Monday for treatments.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kauffman and Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Adam visited with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Chandler and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Koehler in San Antonio last Sunday.

Mrs. A. N. Steinle and daughter, Dorothy Marie, and Mrs. Frances Wurzbach of Jourdanton, visited here Tuesday. Dorothy Marie stayed for a two weeks visit with Mildred Mangold.

Miss Clarissa Zinsmeyer of Santa Rosa Nursing School in San Antonio is enjoying a two weeks' vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zinsmeyer here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Santleben are in receipt of a letter from their daughter, Miss Hilda, who is enjoying a several weeks' vacation in New York and over in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Dury and children, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Marty, Mrs. C. L. Marty and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Gutzler from San Antonio visited in the George Christilles home here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Biediger and children and Miss Marie Christilles from here and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mangold from Noonan took a pleasure trip to Laredo and Nueva Laredo, Mexico, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Hutzler and daughter and Misses Inez and Anna Mae Rihn from Castroville visited with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ott and Mrs. Rosa Hutzler at New Braunfels Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schott and sons spent last week-end at Corpus Christi where the boys and Joe took part in the miniature airplane contests and had a jolly good time. They were too busy to fish.

A. P. Parma and son, John, returned Sunday from a week's vacation trip to the Gulf Coast. Mrs. Parma and sons, Thomas and Dennis, who had accompanied them remained at LaGrange for a few week's visit with homefolks.

Miss Irene Saathoff, who served as instructor in music and dramatics at Camp Arrowhead, near Kerrville, has arrived in Castroville for a few days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Saathoff, before going to



THOSE "DITCHES" AGAIN

By T. C. RICHARDSON,
Associate Editor Farm and Ranch
Breeder-Feeder Association

Some of our readers already have trench silos, some others are perhaps tired of hearing about those "ditches" to bury feed in; and still others are just waiting until a "more convenient season" for trying out the idea. Those who are already using trench silos, or any other kind, need no convincing, and our apology for continually harping on the subject is that there are still too many "unconverted" who are missing the benefits to be had from feed stored in this manner.

There can't be anything seriously wrong with the trench silo idea when it has been adopted by thousands of farmers and ranchmen throughout the Southwest within a very few years, and we have yet to hear of one who would go back to the old way after using ensilage a season or two. Texas alone had 260 miles of these "ditches" in use the first of this year, and thousands more were dug to store the early feed crops during the past summer.

There's more truth than poetry in the jingle sent out last year by the Dallas office of F. S. A.

"Farmer Jim's nobody's fool,
And though he didn't go to school,
He learned a thing or two,
The neighbors came for miles around
To see Jim's silo in the ground—
And now they've got 'em too!"

There's no mystery and no complex "figgerin'" about a trench silo. Here it is in the a-b-c's, from the FSA circular:

"Fix width and depth according to the number of livestock to be fed—length to suit the feeding period. Each cow needs four square feet of cross section area from which a six-inch slice is cut daily. For six head make a trench six feet deep averaging four feet wide, with properly sloped walls. Slope is needed to help settling and prevent caving. For 120 days feeding, the length should be

Austin to take up her duties as teacher in the Austin public schools. She reports a very interesting camping season at Camp Arrowhead, with more than a hundred guests.

Mrs. Lydia Haby and daughter, Miss Evelyn, and Lenard Oneil from San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schott from Rio Medina motored to Bandera, Kerrville, Fredericksburg, Comfort, and Boerne Sunday. At Fredericksburg they took a side trip to see the Balanced Rock, which proved very interesting. The party returned home with sundown much pleased with the day's trip.

Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Brown are in Hondo assisting Rev. Highsmith in church school work.

Mr. C. L. Grimes and Miss Vera Oefinger were married in the Methodist church Saturday evening. Rev. Brown performing the marriage ceremony. Friends and relatives of the bride witnessed the ceremony. They will make their home in San Antonio.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hill left early Monday morning for Kingsville on business.

A crowd of young folks went to the skating rink at Devine Tuesday evening where they enjoyed skating for several hours. Mr. J. D. Baker taking them over in his bus.

Mrs. Glenn Faseler returned Sunday from Bandera, where she had assisted in choir singing; Mr. Faseler and sister, Esther, were in Bandera on Sunday. She accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Wilson were Bandera visitors Sunday.

Mrs. F. W. Bohmfalk, Miss Helen Bohmfalk, Miss Edith Ward and brother, Louis, and Mrs. H. N. Burgin attended the funeral of the late George Heyen.

On Thursday, August 16th, the new star route schedule will go into effect, an extension of a little more than eight miles. The patrons of Elstone and vicinity will be served by this route.

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sixty feet. Trench four feet by six feet by sixty feet will hold about twenty-five tons."

There is still a great deal of late feed which will be worth more in the silo than in any other form. Even lightly frost-bitten grain sorghum can still be saved by cutting it promptly and ensiling it. If the trench is not already dug, cut the feed the day after frost and let it lie on the ground while the trench is being prepared. Then use plenty of water with the ensilage, whether cut or ensiled in whole bundles, pack closely, cover with about a foot of dirt, and forget it until the ensilage is needed.

In the old days the silo was a skyscraper and filling it was both laborious and expensive. It was so costly that few farmers could afford one. Now many of those expensive, sky-scraper structures stand empty while their owners use the trench silo. It is so cheap that anyone can have it. It is less laborious and expensive to fill, and the ensilage can be fed out with less labor and time.

If an ensilage cutter is available use it, and pack the cut ensilage thoroughly. Cut ensilage costs a little more to store, but is less wasteful, and takes less time and trouble to feed out. If no ensilage cutter is available, store whole stalks, lengthwise of the trench, lapping them shingle-fashion and reversing the heads and butts with each layer to keep level. If well watered and packed it will be just as good ensilage as if the stalks were cut, but it will have to be "cut out" from day to day with an axe or a special heavy tool made for the purpose.

Ensilage is the best substitute for green pasture, but of course is not a complete feed.

To get the most from it some dry hay and cottonseed meal should be used.

Don't build a trench silo with perpendicular walls. Sloped walls prevent the ensilage from shrinking away from the sides and causing spoilage.

health for several months is able to be up and walk around.

Mr. Gilson made a trip to Gregory last Saturday and Sunday; brought some of the cotton pickers back with him.

Mr. Oscar Saathoff, who lived in Arizona for a year, returned last week, and visited relatives here.

Mr. J. N. Wilson, Mr. J. P. Nixon, and Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Wilson were in Cotulla and Big Wells Sunday.

After several weeks absence Mrs. B. C. Wiemers came to Yancey Sunday, to be with her daughter, Mrs. Katie Muenkink.

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ISABELL KARM, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

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BARDS OF TODAY

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SALLY ANN'S MEMENTOS.

Along the shore
I hope she'll find
Some snow-white pebbles
Or a kind
Of rare old sea-shell
Which will make
A treasured trophy and keep-sake.
—SARAH M. FOOTE.

RITORNELLO.

She sang of Love;
Such a delightful theme,
Her days were one long, pleasant
dream;
She sang of Love.

One summer night
Love took her in his arms,
She listened to his potent charms
One summer night.

Then he took wing
Leaving her in dismay.
Why must the woman always pay
When Love takes wing?
—ELLIE WILCOX BURT.

NOTHING IS LOST.

Every true motive winged by prayer
Is equal to the deed, tho it seem to
fail.
—DOROTHY SPOULE.

SUMMER DAY.

Not all summer days are bright,
Not each summer day is fair,
Some, helter-skelter splash about
Thunderous in demonic rout
Then repentant, unaware
Shower us rainbow light.

Morning, evening, glow or gray
Each moment, recreant, plays the
game
Of bowling us over with keenest
pains.

Whisking us back into joy again,
Alike, unlike, ever the same
All in a summer day.
—HENRY E. BAKER.

ART-CHILD.

(To Pegasus Studio)
This work of art
For which your love was lightly
sworn!
This work of art
Could not spring whole from out your
heart.

Your mother-genius first was torn
With labor, for you to have borne
This work of art.
—ENID D. JONES.

DIVIDEND.

To live
Arigh and help
My fellowmen
Has always been my creed.
By giving love to others
I gained love.
—FLOZARI ROCKWOOD.
August 24, 1939 Box 5804
Cleveland, Ohio.

WINTER GARDEN BOYS GUESTS OF UTOPIA.

"The Future Farmers of America organization is the greatest training device for farm youths in America today," declared S. V. Burkes, Area X F. F. A. Adviser, speaking to the First Annual Winter Garden District Officer's Training School held at Utopia, August 17-19.

All district officers and a number of local officers from Utopia, Sabinal, D'Hanis, Hondo, Devine, Lytle, Natalia, Pearsall, Cotulla, and Crystal City received added training in their respective offices under the direction of J. B. Rutland, State Adviser; Roy Martin, Cotulla, American Farmer and former national officer; Valter Cardwell, Jr., Luling, American Farmer and former state officer; Oliver Reinhardt, D'Hanis, Lone Star Farmer and state reporter; Albert and Arthur Lacy, Hondo, Lone Star Farmers.

Participation in recreational events balanced the program and included officer's sectional meetings, general assembly, parliamentary drill, committee meetings, base ball and wash-er pitching, swimming, a fox hunt, and a community party sponsored by the Utopia community and Future Farmer chapter.

Meals were prepared by the Utopia chapter for ten cents per meal. District officers and training school instructors were the guests of the Utopia Chapter.

Billie Fischer, Utopia, is president of the district; Harry Davis, Cotulla, Vice-president; Roblee Perrault, Lytle, Secretary; Victor Saathoff, Hondo, Treasurer; Joe Biry, D'Hanis, Reporter; Dick Weekly, Pearsall, Farm Watch Dog; Prince Wood, Sabinal, Historian; Teddy Kerr, Cotulla, Parliamentarian; Clyde Miller, Vocational Instructor, Utopia, Adviser.

Victor Saathoff, district F. F. A. Treasurer, and local secretary, and Albert Lacy, local President, and Arthur Lacy, local Reporter, represented Hondo at the training camp.

Victor, Albert and Arthur left Hondo Thursday morning and visited the Lacy Boys' ranch at Sabinal. From there they went to Utopia, and arrived there at 10:30 A. M. After having attended all the meetings and taken in all the recreational events they returned to Hondo at 12:00 noon Saturday. All the boys reported having a good time. Besides having a good time the boys also learned how to conduct a meeting in the right order.

—Local Secretary.

A TRUE STORY OF... A SUCCESSFUL SALE

By Buster Shely,

Agent, Corpus Christi District
She was a telephone operator, twenty-three years old, and let's call her Smith. Her ancestry was of stalwart Nordic blood, combined with the old world conservativeness and skepticism, and all because her papa had been beaten out of a lot of money by a man who wore a mustache.

Miss Smith was first interviewed at a detached point in January of 1939 by virtue of a phone call back to the District Office on some detail. After the completion of the call the Agent inquired about the compulsory rule of the Telephone Company of all employees being insured, and if she thought it a good plan. Fire literally shot from her eyes and the Agent was submitted to one of the most complete tongue-lashings ever, and only because he worked for an insurance company. In blistering tones she told the Agent of his resemblance to many kinds of snakes and varmints and politely told him to go. Sensing some historical unpleasantness with some Agent, the writer tried to diagnose the source which resulted in his being invited to please not slam the door as he went out, which he did not do.

Two weeks later while working this same detached point the Agent was tempted and went back for another round which resulted in an altogether different attitude on her part. She was sorry she acted so "ugly", but she "just can't stand insurance men", to which the Agent agreed, even admitting occasional trouble with himself, which broke the ice. The girl had a sense of humor and liked to exercise it. The Agent capitalized on this and over a cup of coffee discovered this tale.

While her father was a young man, an Agent with a mustache sold him a policy that would make him rich in ten years. It was guaranteed to pay off the farm mortgage, educate the children, and give him a nice income to retire at an early age. Years passed, as they always do, and the "dues" on the policy were met with regularity until a notice was received that due to unforeseen expenses the "dues" would have to be increased, but only until conditions bettered themselves. Yes, you've guessed it. Conditions did not better themselves and the "dues" finally got too high and papa's Insurance was gone as was the "man with a mustache".

At the tender age of sixteen Miss Smith was forced into the world to earn her own living, while papa tried to forget the "man with a mustache" with beer and corn liquor. After being battered from pillar to post for three years and later being deceived in love by still another "man with a mustache", she finally sought seclusion and rest at the age of twenty-two in this small town as a telephone operator. Her course of life was smooth until the writer crossed her path which rekindled the fire of hatred because the Agent "had a mustache" and did work for an insurance company which brings us to the first week of February, 1939.

The third contract was made two weeks later and, at the cost of two cups of coffee, the anti-insurance Smith reluctantly admitted that she would like to have some insurance on her life... but only to protect her mama who was working her fingers to the bone while papa was still "trying to forget". Miss Smith wanted a policy that would protect her in case of illness by paying her salary, doctor bills, hospital bills, and give her mother a few dollars in event of her death. The Agent handed her a Satisfactory A and H contract to read, carefully avoiding mentioning premiums... which pleased her no end. The writer half-heartedly tried to close her then and there, but suspicion again reared its ugly head. In order to change the subject the Agent had to mention "switchboards" which immediately brought forth all explanations of the mysteries of some animal which was the second time he had heard the mysteries explained and again had to register astonishment as to how one small girl could learn the mechanics of such a complicated gadget.

The specimen policy was left in her hands to prove the Agent trusted her and wasn't afraid of its being picked to pieces by his competitors, which secretly pleased her, for she was sure there were "bugs" in it.

Two weeks elapsed and again the coffee, which she paid for, and again the "switchboard" which the Agent this time explained to her, but not a word about Insurance. To shorten this chapter Miss Smith, when asked to sign, said "next time" due to the fact that she just didn't have a "bit of change". The Agent picked up his policy, departed in a gentlemanly fashion, resolved then and there to forget all about it, try the next house, and shave off his mustache.

During the ensuing two weeks the Agent's dreams were haunted by the fact that he had been sold and out-sold. She had sold him on the idea of not buying rather than his selling her on the idea of buying. His ego cropped out and on the next detached trip the first sound he heard upon entering her office was a cynical "Good night! You here again?" which should mean fight to any self-respecting Shielder. This time her attitude was again very unbecoming to a lady, and she "just wasn't interested", which obviously was an untruth. The Agent invested another dime for coffee and discovered that a letter from home was the cause of her "letdown". It seemed the bank at home was very anxious to get the money back that papa borrowed last fall when the cotton crop failed, and papa wasn't doing a thing about it except still trying to forget the "man with the mustache" via the liquid route. Mama was having trouble with her turkeys and chickens, which the coyotes and skunks wouldn't let alone, and her sister, the married one that quit her husband and came home to mama, well... she was going to

D'Hanis Doings

A round-up of Local, Personal and Business Items gathered weekly by our regular Correspondent

Miss Josie Rothe

to whom all items intended for this column should be handed not later than Wednesday noon of each week. Miss Rothe is authorized to collect and receipt for money due this paper.

D'HANIS, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 1939

Sister Vivienne Marie, who was the former Miss Louise Dubray, of St. Mary's in South Bend, Ind., and Miss Josephine Dubray of Houston, are guests of their sister and brother, Antoinette and Joseph Dubray in the homes of their grandfather, Mr. Valentine Nester, their aunt, Mrs. R. R. Carle, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Albrecht and children spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. Paul Bendele and little daughter, Mary Louise, spent Friday here in the home of her father, Mr. Ed. S. Koch.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rothe, and Mrs. L. Schuchart of San Antonio, spent Wednesday in the home of their mother, Mrs. Mary Rothe.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reinhart spent Tuesday in San Antonio. They were accompanied by their grand-daughters, Joe Nell and Ivonne Reinhart, who had spent two weeks with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weynand and Albert Weynand of San Antonio spent the week-end in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Weynand.

Mrs. Jack Rice and little daughter Jacqueline of Del Rio arrived Saturday for a visit with Miss Cornelia Koch.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tschirhart of Bisbee, Ariz., visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Poefner and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Zerr last week.

Sister M. Amabilis of Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio, spent several days here with her mother, Mrs. J. W. L. Hanley, and her sister, Mrs. W. O. Rothe, returning to the college Friday. Mrs. Hanley remained in the city with Sister Amabilis.

Miss Mary Ann Enderle of Beaumont is the guest of her cousin, Miss Gladys Rieber.

have a baby. If the writer had been on draw, he probably would have loaned her five dollars, but you know how easy it is not to do that, so it wasn't done... nor was the sale made.

The fifth contract was made on March 17 and, as neither Miss Smith nor the writer were Irish, there was nothing to "brag about" which permitted the Agent to talk dollars and cents. Miss Smith was then made this proposition, i. e., the Agent is selling money, he wants to sell her a dollar bill for approximately fifty-two cents, and she can give the dollar to mamma. He'll do this provided she buys one thousand of them.

"What's that?" said Miss Smith, beaming with a new light of interest, "you'll sell me a dollar bill for fifty-two cents?" she asked. You know, just to check up on her hearing, and then the Agent opened up. His Company would deposit a thousand dollars in the bank in her name and her mamma's name and all she would have to pay the Company for that thousand would be \$544.20 which could be paid in easy installments of \$6.80 every three months. The Agent would bring her a contract to that effect, giving mamma the use of the thousand dollars as soon as Miss Smith earned her eternal reward.

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Alice Saathoff, who is attending M. and S. Nurses training school in S. A. visited home folks through the week-end.

Jane and Dorothy Grace Cook Kingsville, who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. Pete Saathoff, turned to their home Sunday with their father, H. C. Cook, and brothers, Clinton and John F. Cook.

FORMATION OF FRESH WATER DISTRICT IS UNDER WAY AT D'HANIS.

At a recent meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, Frank X. Vance, County Attorney, was present and explained the steps necessary to proceed with the Waterworks improvement plans. An action was taken by the members which indicated an overwhelming majority in favor of the organization of a Fresh Water District. This would enable the town to secure a satisfactory Waterworks System.

The present insurance Key Rate of 100 is very high, however, an adequate Waterworks System and after complying with other requirements of the Fire Insurance Bureau, this Key Rate can be reduced 40 or 50 points. This would mean a substantial saving annually to D'Hanis citizens on insurance premiums.

Albert C. Moore, Consulting Engineer of San Antonio, was in D'Hanis a few days ago, talking with Mr. J. P. Ephraim about the Project. He is preparing the Engineering Report and Plans, which are required to be filed with the Application for the formation of the District.

It is proposed to take in a rather large area in the Fresh Water District, comprising both the present and the old town of D'Hanis, in order that all residences can be furnished with an abundant supply of water.

"No, Miss Smith, this \$6.80 premium savings that you pay each month will never be raised. Yes, you'll not have to pay after you reach the age of forty-three. Yes, we have plenty of money in the bank to pay your claim should you die. That's right. Your mother will get the full benefits and your first premium savings should be made now, for the sooner you start this the sooner the twenty years will pass. Yes, sign here. Here's your receipt and your contract will be delivered to you personally within two weeks, and thank you for a very pleasant sale."

Writer's note: Miss Smith dropped my fountain pen while signing and almost ruined it and I've read page twelve of the March 6 issue of OUR SHIELD, and, oh yes, I still have my mustache.—Our Shield, July 17, 1939, insurance magazine.

(Buster Shely is better known here as Otis Schuehle, son of Sheriff and Mrs. C. J. Schuehle of Hondo. He sells insurance in Corpus Christi and the fountain pen in the story was one recently awarded him for his record in the sale of insurance.)

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ZION'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Sunday, August 27, 1939.
8:30 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.
9:30 A. M. German Divine service.
All members are kindly urged to attend our services and to invite their friends to please attend. Everyone is welcome. There is only one

ANVIL SPARKS

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reduce one year's deficit, as this Congress did. Deficits must be eliminated, and government outgo brought sharply in line with income. It is not enough to refuse to levy new taxes—after a definite program for orderly retirement of today's national debt has been put into effect, means must be found for cutting existing taxes.

So the economy activities of the last Congress must be regarded as a work just well started. The finish is far in the future. Infinite patience, labor and courage will be needed to return this country to honest fiscal solvency. Wringing the water out of our national financial structure won't be an easy or pleasant job—but it must be done.—Industrial News Bureau.

THE GREAT DESTROYER.

Fire, the great destroyer, has been in fine fettle this summer.

Fire, raging and uncontrolled, has made black and barren and ugly, thousands of acres of the nation's finest forest land. Fire has turned pleasant homes into smoking piles of debris. Fire has ravaged factories, and added men and women to the long rolls of the jobless. Fire has marched irresistibly through farms, killing livestock, razing buildings, and ruining crops.

A few of these fires may be unavoidable. But they are very few indeed, and so rare as to be hardly worth mentioning. Eighty per cent of all fires, say the experts, could have been prevented. But they did occur—because someone was thoughtless, someone was careless, someone was ignorant, someone took a chance.

Back of all these fires, great and small alike, lies the human element. A cigarette butt tossed from a speeding car—a camp fire not quite extinguished—a clean-up job left undone till tomorrow—a vacant lot left to dry, untended weeds—these are the things that make fire, this year, last year, next year.

There can be no recompense for

thing that stands in the way of a growing church and that is indifference and laziness. "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead and Christ will shine upon thee".

The Church with a welcome,
A. H. FALKENBERG,
Pastor.

LEAGUE MEETS.

The Castroville Luther League met August the 11th at 8:30 P. M., having their hands full of business as usual.

The main topics were: A report by Ruby (Delegate of the Chataqua and Bible Camp) which was made known, appreciated by all, and others said they shall attend by all means next season.

The second topic was the successfulness of a farewell social. Well it went over big!

This brought our meeting to an end, closing with prayer by Rev. Falkenberg.

The hosts, Paul Geiger and Reinhardt Bippert, served members and guests with delicious ice-cold watermelon.

Here the entertaining committee took charge and so various games were enjoyed the remainder of the evening.

September 8, we shall be expecting a full house.

—Reporter.

PAUL GEIGER GUEST OF HONOR AT FAREWELL SOCIAL.

Castroville League greeted the La Verne League Sunday, August 20, at 3:00 P. M., in Fuos Building, where a short Program was held opening with song and Scripture reading by Rev. Falkenberg.

A word of welcome by President Johnnie Reus.

Return of thanks by Lieut. Martin Burow.

Song, "The Old Rugged Cross", by Ruby Bendele.

A talk, "Are you a Christian?" by the guest of honor.

Rev. Falkenberg then gave us lovely words of encouragement concerning our Lord and Master. He then presented Paul with a gift (a book, "Daily Meditation") in remembrance of the Castroville Luther League.

Song, "Jesus Son of Gladness", by Tussie Wurzbach, ending with prayer by Rev. Falkenberg.

The League then followed Paul Geiger to Simmon's Grove where the Backward entertaining committee entertained backwards (If you don't believe it ask them).

Now the refreshment committee took charge delighting all with a weiner roast also cake and iced tea. As the sun was setting a devotional was held beneath the beautiful pecan trees, then all followed Paul to Wernette's Garden where games amused all until the hour of 10:00 o'clock.

Departing all wished Paul loads of luck and success in his schooling for the ministry in Dubuque, Iowa, from which place he will leave soon.

the fires of the past—unless it is in a general campaign to prevent the fires of the future. It can be done. It's up to us—each of us, as an individual, holds the weapon that will destroy the great destroyer.—Industrial News Bureau.

"REVOLUTIONS" IN FARMING

Untold centuries ago, an authority on agriculture has observed, the art of farming was revolutionized "when some inventive genius contrived to overturn the earth by means of the forked limb of a tree, drawn by a camel, horse or ox." The first crude plow marked the initial application of mechanical power to farming.

Since that far-off time there have been many revolutions in agriculture. And today there is an immensely important, if quiet, revolution going on, though it is not of a mechanical character. It lies in the comparatively new awareness of the farmer to the fact that one-man enterprise is not enough in this age—that the energies, the brains and the abilities of many men must be enlisted together if each is to succeed and prosper. Its concrete manifestation is found in the fast-growing, strongly entrenched agricultural marketing cooperatives which dot the nation. And a "revolution" which makes it possible to distribute crops more quickly, surely and to better advantage for all concerned is as important as a "revolution" which makes it possible to produce them with greater efficiency and reduced effort.—Industrial News Bureau.

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